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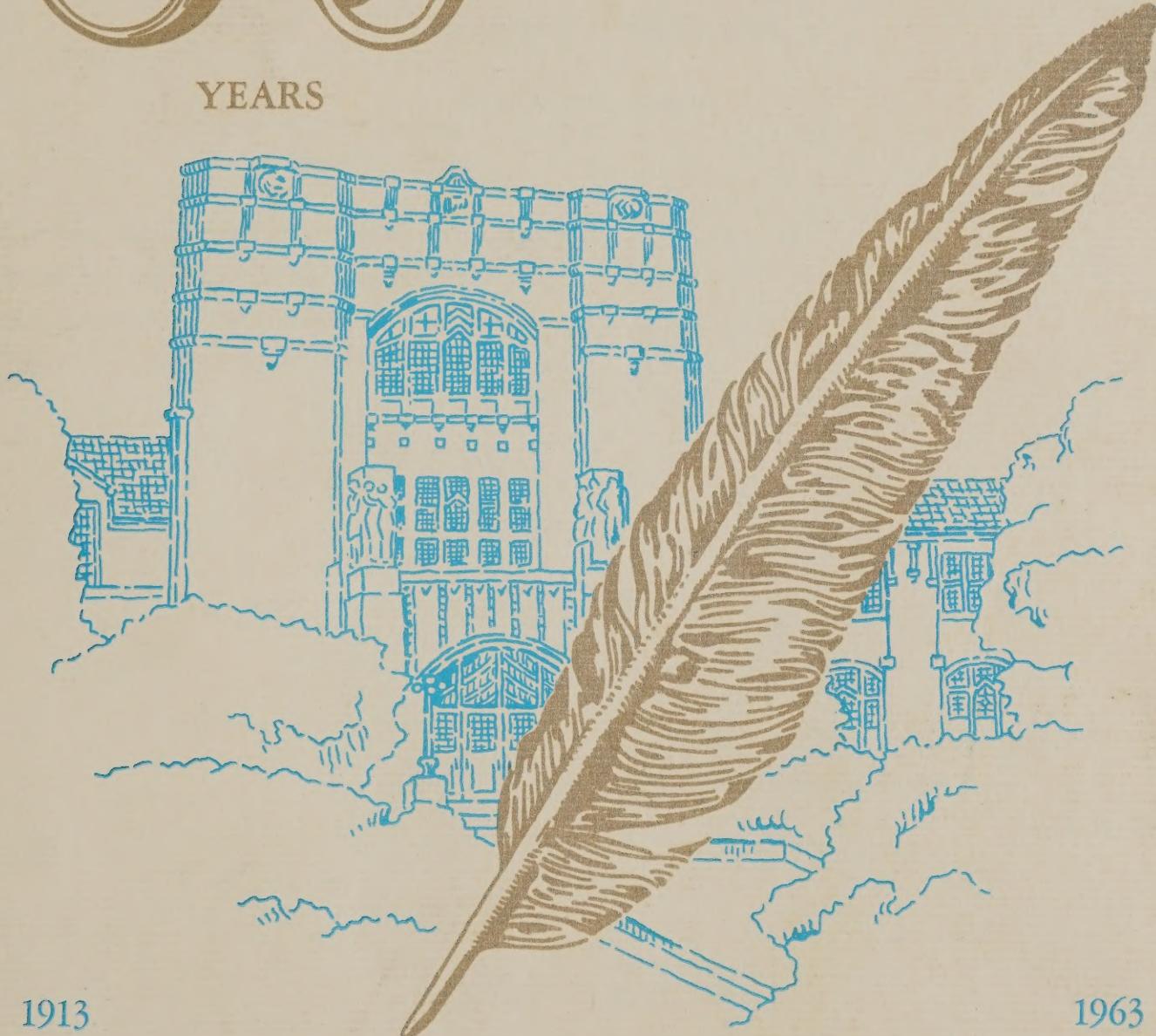


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DEDICATION

This Book is Gratefully Dedicated to
Our Two State Leaders

Miss Lella R. Gaddis and

Miss Eva L. Goble

For their vision, their hopes, and their guidance,
Their courage, their faith, and their tact,
The homemaker today says, "Thank You.
There's a golden feather in my hat."



*"And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year . . .
It shall be a jubilee unto you."*

(Leviticus 25, 10)

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State Leader 1914-1947

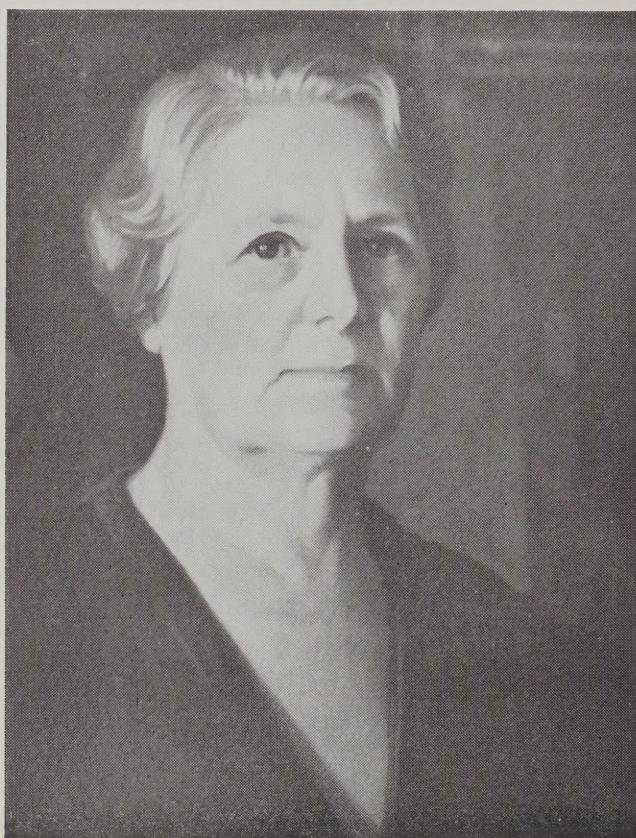
Lella Reed Gaddis was born and reared on a farm near Rossville, Indiana (Tippecanoe County). She received her training at Purdue University. In 1914 she began her extension career and earned for herself the title and responsibilities of the first State Leader of Home Demonstration Work in Indiana.

Of her appointment, Miss Gaddis said, "I couldn't

and country life. Lectures and demonstrations were attended by 3,131 women.

In summing up Professor Gaddis' work with the women of Indiana, her great aim has been, along with the more practical side, to show them how to more fully appreciate the beauty of their homes in the open country and to enjoy the little things that go to make up daily living there.

This portrait of Miss Gaddis, painted by the Hoosier artist, Randolph Coats, was presented to Purdue University on January 16, 1941, in the Hall of



possibly have been trained for the work, because it was yet to be developed. One of the strengths of the program was that it was based on the needs of the people. Never to my knowledge did we ever say, 'We will teach this lesson because it will be good for them.'

In 1914 there were 75 home economics organizations in the state, which held monthly meetings for the study of subjects relating to the home, school

Music. Mrs. G. H. Brown, Randolph County, President of the Indiana Home Economics Association, made the presentation. Mrs. L. G. Clendenning, Clinton County, Past President of the Association, in unveiling the portrait said, "May this portrait always instill in the hearts of those who see it a desire to live up to her high ideals, and may we and our posterity never cease to be grateful for the great work she has done." The painting hangs in the gallery in the Agricultural Experiment Station.

DOCTOR EVA LENORE GOBLE

State Leader 1947

Eva L. Goble was born in Clay County, Indiana, and attended Jasonville High School. She earned her B.S. Degree at Indiana State Teacher's College, her M.S. at Purdue University and her Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. She taught grade school for a while and began her career in extension as a Home Agent in Vigo County. She came to Purdue

subjects relating to the home, school and community. No longer is the term country life, or rural, used exclusively, for the program has expanded and grown to include urban and suburban living as well.

Miss Goble's work with the women of Indiana cannot be summed up at this time for it is still an ongoing project with her. She is following the high ideals of those pioneers in extension, encouraging adult women to participate in educational programs to help them do better those things which must be



in 1944 as a Home Management Specialist. In 1947 she became State Leader of Home Demonstration Agents, and in 1958 she was given the title and added responsibilities of Assistant Director of Extension.

In Indiana in 1962 there were 3,059 Home Demonstration Clubs, with a membership of 65,205 women, holding monthly meetings for the study of

done to meet their needs and solve their problems. She has the vision and the courage to look ahead and respond to the challenge of changing times and trends.

As a further tribute to Miss Goble, it can truthfully be said that she not only believes but practices the axiom, "You can't expect people to see eye to eye with you if you look down on them."

*"There is a radiance where women move
Above small household tasks if they but see
Beyond the polished surface of old woods
The dazzling triumph of a living tree."*

*If they but see beyond the white, heaped flour—
Beyond the red, glassed jellies on a sill—
Wide joyous wheatfields laughing in the sun;
God's face above an orchard on a hill."*

FIFTY YEARS OF LEARNING AND SERVICE

Foreword

Across these several pages are written significant word pictures of the maturing growth and continuing progress of the Indiana Home Demonstration Association. Varied and unique have been the experiences of this organization; and the blessings have been many.

This history is provided for a purpose. It is a means of recognizing the achievements of the past and preserving an account of the years. The present membership, which still includes a few early members, will become acquainted with the course that has been followed and its milestones.

The writing of this history has been an inspiring task, and it will prove to be a rewarding effort if a spark of this same inspiration is captured by all who read these pages.

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

There is indeed a sense of inspiration as the labors of YESTERDAY are evaluated. Much has been accomplished during the past fifty years. The accomplishments that appeared significant and worthy of mention have been recorded in this book. Indeed, there was much work done that does not appear in print. Thus it is with many volunteer organizations and individuals. Being helpful to oth-

ers is part of their life's pattern, and their good deeds are known only to the Almighty.

When TODAY is evaluated it is found that adult women are still at work — learning and serving. When the time approaches to make transitions or changes in the program, it is usually a time of mixed emotions. But with a pause to ponder their purpose and look ahead to chart their course, these women are again on their way.

When TOMORROW begins to appear over the horizon, it must be faced with confidence and assurance. To view the past fifty years of this organization is to be deeply moved by the depth of devotion, length of loyalty, height of heroism, width of wisdom, and fullness of faith of those who have founded and furthered the work of Home Economics Extension. For all these persons an expression of gratitude is offered.

But thankfulness is empty and meaningless if one only receives without using wisely and lovingly that received. Appreciation can be expressed for the PAST of this organization; one can be a vital part of its PRESENT; but it is imperative that the members of the Indiana Home Demonstration Association, individually as well as an organization, rededicate themselves to its FUTURE.



The homemaker, in the "good old days," prepared the meals and did the laundry with appliances, equipment and "conveniences" typical of these.

The Year Was 1913

In the March 1913 issue of the *Ladies Home Journal*, Editor Bok rails against "heads loaded down with puffs and 'rats', hobble skirts so tight that they reveal the figure at every step, sleeves too short, necks too low, and stockings of thinnest, transparent silk."

Miss Annie S. Peck, a former Purdue faculty member, famous mountain climber and author, lecturing at Fowler Hall under the auspices of the Purdue Entertainment Course, expressed the opinion, "Within the next eight years, possibly before 1918, women of Indiana will have the ballot."

On the international scene — 1913. The war in the Balkans — beginnings of World War I. Militant woman suffrage activity in England. Mexican border battles. Isadora Duncan — world famous dancer. Ty Cobb — baseball great. The Sultan of Zanzibar was so thrilled over roller skating champions, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reynolds of Rensselaer, Indiana, that he ordered roller skates for every member of his court.

On the national scene — 1913. Former Princeton professor Woodrow Wilson became president. The Federal Income Tax law went into effect by ratification of the 16th amendment. A law went into effect creating the Labor Department. A Vermont poet named Robert Frost published his first book of verse. A nationwide campaign started in April to introduce to farmers the "wonder and profits" of raising alfalfa. Considerable activity in the Woman Suffrage Movement.

In Indiana — 1913. Samuel M. Ralston was Governor and on March 13, 1913, 600 women stormed the state house in plea for full suffrage for women. Indiana started building gravel roads. Thirty counties were trying to get an agricultural "expert"

to help get bigger corn yields (40 bushels no longer good enough yield — need to double or triple). "On the Banks of the Wabash" officially adopted as the state song. A great literary period for Indiana authors and song writers: Meredith Nicholson, Booth Tarkington, George Ade, George Barr McCutcheon, John T. McCutcheon, Cole Porter, James Whitcomb Riley, Gene Stratton Porter, Theodore Dreiser.

Economics — 1913. Cattle topped at 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Farmers sold heavily on rise of corn to 45c a bushel. Wool blankets on sale at \$1.48. Coffee pots, covered pans, dish pans at 25c. Yard goods from 5c to 59c (finest silk). An upright piano for \$175 included delivery from Chicago, a piano stool and a decorative fringed scarf. "Big 3" Vacuum Washer with hand operated wheel — BIG NEWS!

Interesting — 1913 (could be 1963). A bill to regulate use of Trading Stamps introduced. The South tired of lining up behind Democratic party just because it supported them in slavery and secession.

Household Hints — 1913. Save the gummed flaps of unsealed envelopes that come through the mails for mending torn books or labeling fruit jars. Keep your worn white kid gloves for covering hat buckles.

Opportunities for women — 1913. Higher education for women still in its infancy. Application of scientific principles to the home a new idea. Very few women employed outside the home. Of those 40 out of every 100 working women in America were domestics.

Women's fashion — 1913. Tight fitting skirts caused sensation. Some commentators said, "Not immodest, but a sign of her intention of ridding herself of man's mastery — a bid for freedom for herself."

THROUGH THE YEARS . . . with the organization and the presidents

The birth of Home Economics at Purdue University was not easy. In 1912 the men did not want any women cluttering up the campus. Mary L. Matthews, the first dean of Home Economics at Purdue, said that her brother, a Sigma Chi, was in school

around that time, and members of his fraternity did not approve of taking coeds to any functions. This attitude of the students was reflected in many of the faculty.

Both Miss Matthews and her aunt, Mrs. Virginia

C. Meredith, felt that they needed to interest the people of the state in backing the program for Home Economics. This was the motivating power of these two women in forming the Indiana Home Economics Association and in establishing Home Economics at the University. They solicited the interest of the Farmers' Institute workers and Home Economics was finally established, but not with any enthusiasm.

Many of the women who first joined the Home Economics Association were Farmers' Institute speakers, and to them can be given the credit for fostering and expanding the work at Purdue University and to the Association members for the development of the program in the early days.

During the January Agricultural Conference at Purdue, Miss Matthews called a small group of women together to discuss the possibility of organizing an Indiana Home Economics Association. At this meeting January 17, 1913, Mrs. Oliver Kline, Huntington, opened the discussion by speaking of the good of such an organization, the advantages to be gained from it and the work that could be done. Mrs. Kline also suggested that a temporary constitution be drawn up. Mrs. Virginia Meredith read a skeleton constitution which was afterwards drawn up. This Constitution is basically the same as that used today.

Officers elected for the new Association were: President — Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City; Vice-President — Mrs. Flora Meeks, Parker; Secretary — Mrs. Lewis Taylor, Newburgh; Executive Committee — Prof. Mary L. Matthews, Purdue University, Prof. G. I. Christie, Purdue University.

The members felt they needed the guiding hand of a man, so Prof. Christie was elected a member of the Executive Committee. Fifty-eight members signed up and 10 clubs belonged. Miss Amy Howe, Purdue staff member, acted as temporary secretary.

This year \$26 comprised the total dues from clubs and individual membership. The expenditures were \$18.50 for stationery, the Constitution and By-Laws, leaving a total on hand of \$7.50.

1914 — Mrs. Meredith, President, presided at the second meeting January 15, 1914. In her message of that year she said, "Every community needs organized groups of women to guide, in a common

sense way, spirited discussions about whatever will make Indiana homes better homes."

Following Mrs. Meredith's talk, Mrs. J. M. Hamilton of Franklin County, spoke of the advancing interest of farm women in the efficiency of their homes and the organization of Domestic Science clubs, arising from home economics lectures and demonstrations given in their locality during a short course.

Prof. G. I. Christie stated that the Association should set some goals and start its work. It was moved by Mrs. Elizabeth Earl of Lafayette, seconded and passed, that a committee be appointed to promote beautifying home grounds; \$2.00 was allowed for this project.

Mrs. Charles Stewart, Lafayette, moved that a night letter be sent by the Association to our congressman urging passage of the Smith-Lever Bill.

In this year the membership had grown to 75.

1915 — The third meeting of the Association was held January 14, 1915, with Mrs. Meredith presiding. Dr. W. E. Stone, President of Purdue University, was the principal speaker. Using as his topic "The Future of Home Economics at Purdue," he said that Home Economics is not a fad and that Purdue does not cater to the young woman who goes to college for social diversion.

Prof. William C. Latta was the second man added to the Executive Committee.

1916 — The annual meeting was held January 10 with Mrs. Meredith still as President. Miss Roberta McNeil of Purdue reported 127 Home Economics study classes. This was the first time the clubs sent delegates to the business session. The Constitution was revised, and the association conferred 268 pins on girls in 4-H clubs, 72 of whom were present. This year members voted to finance a trip to Washington, D.C., for two 4-H girls who were winners in their project.

1917 — Miss Mary L. Matthews, of Purdue, was elected President. The men were eliminated from the Executive Committee. Miss Matthews gave the names of the 4-H Club winners in the Bread and Canning Clubs, who won trips to Washington. They were Agatha Conner, 13, who baked 403 loaves of bread, and Ruby Smith, 17, who canned 320 quarts of fruits and vegetables. The girls were

chaperoned by Miss Lella Gaddis of the Home Economics Extension Department. Fleischman Yeast contributed \$10.00 of the \$123.25 given by the Association for the trip. The 4-H Club trips have been continued ever since.

During World War I Home Demonstration Agents were appointed in 28 counties, and in addition six urban agents and six specialists were ap-

1910-1919

This was a promotional period. Purdue people made contacts with interested families in many counties in Indiana, mainly through Farmers' Institutes. Women's Auxiliaries grew out of this movement, and from this many future home economics clubs developed.

Leaders in the counties worked diligently to initiate "classes" for farm women and for girls. In 1910 there were 10 "classes". These groups later became known as home economics clubs and finally Home Demonstration Clubs. Of course the girls' groups became 4-H Clubs.

In 1913, the women leaders from the various counties attending a conference at Purdue decided to organize a State Home Economics Association for the purpose of encouraging more county educational groups for homemakers and to promote the teaching of "domestic science" in local schools.

This association also recommended individual support for legislation of the Congressional Act which established Extension funds.

From this lead county leaders often carried petitions to establish funds and office for the early extension workers in the county.

The state Association in 1917 provided funds for two outstanding girls in 4-H to go to Washington, D.C., for a National Leadership Camp. The Association has continued this project ever since.

During this period women with training were hired as "emergency war foods leaders" and placed in counties for brief periods to encourage nutrition education, canning and use of foods available during the war. This often led the way for permanent positions of Home Demonstration Agents.

Miss Lella R. Gaddis was appointed State Lead-

pointed. Following the war, five Home Demonstration Agents were retained.

1918 and 1919 — Miss Matthews presided at the annual meetings. The individual membership was a total of 148 and 20 clubs. The balance in the treasury was \$20.08. The annual meeting was adjourned so members of the Association could attend a reception given by President and Mrs. W. E. Stone.

er. A nutrition and clothing specialist were appointed on the state staff to visit counties for subject matter meetings as requested. Travel to the counties was usually by train, and there the agent or leaders provided transportation.

Virginia Claypool was born in Fayette County, Indiana, in 1848. She was graduated from Glendale College in 1866 and in 1870 was married to *Henry Clay Meredith*, a graduate of Indiana University and a member of the Indiana State Board of Agriculture.

Upon the death of her husband in 1882, Mrs. Meredith, then only 34 years of age, assumed active charge of their farm of 400 acres, successfully handling and managing this farm and its prize cattle.

In 1889, Mrs. Meredith was made a member of the Farmers' Institute staff of Purdue University, being, as far as it is known, the first regular woman speaker on an agricultural platform in this country. One of her lectures on "The Privileges and Possibilities of Farm Life" has been copied in every English speaking country in the world.

Indiana recognized her officially in 1921 when she was appointed a trustee of Purdue University — the only woman member on that board.

Mrs. Meredith was one of the organizers of The Indiana Home Economics Association, the Indiana Federation of Women's Clubs, Indiana representative at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago and on its committee on awards, and for six years on the staff of the University of Minnesota.

Mrs. Meredith was greatly interested in the farm home and she took every opportunity to interest rural men and women in better home conditions. She pioneered in education for women in Minnesota,



Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith in her home in West Lafayette.

and as a trustee of Purdue University she took a leading part in securing recognition and support for

home economics education and for better housing of the women students of the university.

1920-1929

This appears to be a period of implementing the program and the organization for it as recommended in the earlier decade.

More home demonstration agents were placed in counties of the state as well as more agricultural agents, who also worked with the women's program.

From a state standpoint the role of the specialists have become more clearly defined and identified in the areas of nutrition, clothing, home management and home furnishings.

Miss Lella R. Gaddis continued as State Leader of the program, and the program was expanded into every county of the state.

It was during this period that encouragement was given counties to organize township clubs. With this pattern subject matter leaders from each township

were brought in to leader training meetings as we know them today.

In 1927 there were 309 home economic extension clubs in Indiana with a total of 10,142 members who were involved in the program of lessons.

1920 — Until this time presidents of the organization were staff members of Purdue University, but this year Mrs. Lawrence Foster (Jess) of Montgomery County was elected President. She was interested in Home Economics work and was a Farmers' Institute speaker.

The Treasury was depleted, and money had to be borrowed to send the two 4-H girls to Washington. This year instead of emphasis on individual members it was stressed that the clubs pay a membership fee of \$1.00 to belong to the state Association.

Carolyn Schumaker, Dean of Women at Purdue, was the speaker at the annual meeting which was held in the library. No formal luncheon was planned, but from the Home Economics Building Miss Matthews sent over ham sandwiches, potato salad, and apples for which the members paid 25 cents. About 150 were served.

The main goal for the year had been stressing new clubs and promoting further organization in the state.

1921 — Mrs. Morton Fordice (Ella), Montgomery County, was president in 1921. The Indiana State legislators visited Purdue on the day of the annual meeting, January 13. A bill providing for funds for home demonstration agents was being prepared by the Association's legislative committee and was to be presented by our woman legislator, Mrs. Julia Nelson.



The Indiana Home Special Train, Arcadia, March 20, 1920. Left to right: R. A. Goss, C. A. Norman, W. I. Fitch, Mrs. Edna B. Sewell, Amy Blay, Miss Adamson, Alma L. Garvin, Orpha Cole and Lella Gaddis.

Director Christie presented the plan of running a Home Special Train in Indiana and suggested the Association back up such a project as this

In the State Fair School 72 girls were enrolled, and 12 were sent by Home Economics classes.

Miss Matthews asked the Association to give support, first, to securing a new Home Economics

building; second, to home demonstration work; and third, to securing appropriations for an Experiment Station for research work in Home Economics.

1922 — In this year Mrs. Lawrence Vannice (May), Hendricks County, was president. Mrs. Vannice served as a Farmers' Institute speaker, traveling all over the state for a number of years, in all kinds of weather. She was able through this medium to encourage women to further their homemaking education through the Home Economics Extension Service. Twenty-two new classes were organized. The Association endorsed a bill in the state legislature to support home demonstration agent funds.

Since Indiana had a surplus of wheat that year a campaign was organized to urge homemakers to do more home baking. During a week designated as "Indiana Wheat Bread Week" throughout the state, special meetings were held at the University as well as in the counties. There were demonstrations, talks and exhibits on the value of Indiana wheat. The Association endorsed this project.

They also endorsed the work of the Indiana Library Commission in promoting libraries in rural areas.

Even with limited funds the Association purchased a clock for the new Home Ec Building at Purdue University.

1923 — Mrs. Verna L. Hatch, of Allen County, was president in 1923. During this year Home Economics Extension work in Indiana was reorganized. The clubs organized their studies on a year-round basis. One project — foods, clothing, home management or home furnishings — was chosen for county study. The clubs selected two leaders to attend training meetings with the specialist from Purdue during the year, she presented lessons to them and they in turn presented them to their clubs. The same principle of training meetings is still used throughout the state today, but no one county studies the same project for one year.

Mrs. Vannice was instrumental in raising money for the first Home Demonstration Agent in Hendricks County. Her club, the Hadley Club, served food at public affairs, and was the first to introduce the hamburger to their community.

1924 — Mrs. Elmer Waters (Emma), Tippecanoe County, was instrumental in forming at Romney



At the close of World War I and during the serious flu epidemic there was much emphasis on home nursing and better nutrition of children. Definite studies were set up in Evansville and Fort Wayne. Pictured is the Health Squad in Fort Wayne. At the Clay School 20 children were tested to demonstrate the relation of nutritious food to physical development; to show the relation of proper food to mental progress; to give a basis of comparison between the cost of nutritious food appropriate for children and the diet usually given them; to prove to parents that proper, good food is cheaper than the general diet. The Indiana Home Demonstration Association is still working and helping in this area of nutrition for young people. Tangible evidence is the contribution of money to the Youthpower Conference held each year in Indiana.

one of the first rural "classes" in the state. She was elected President and served the Indiana Home Economics Association in 1924. She was one of the first Master Homemakers named in the state and among her many other activities was a Farmers' Institute speaker. During the annual meeting a resolution was passed: We urge that in the near future better housing conditions be provided for girls attending Purdue University.

1925 — Mrs. R. D. Canan (Inez), wife of a staff member at Purdue, was elected President. A resolution at the annual meeting this year reads: Be it resolved that an effort be made in each county to send at least one girl to State Fair School. Another resolution: Be it resolved that the State Association

make an award of a practical reference book to the counties having at least one organization in each township.

1926 — Mrs. Rainey McCoy (Mrs. W. G.), of Tippecanoe County was president. Mrs. Carolyn B. King, whom *The Country Gentleman* listed as one of the 12 most prominent women in America, was a guest at the annual meeting.

1927 — From Lawrence County came Mrs. George Baldwin Roberts (Gussie), as President. Mrs. Roberts was also an Institute speaker. At this time the clubs had grown to 309 and the membership to 10,142.

1928 — Mrs. Harry Stevenson (Elma), of Mon-

roe County was President, and the Association had its first paid speaker at the annual meeting. This was Mrs. Demarcus Brown of Indianapolis, and her subject was "A Balcony in Jerusalem". Up until this time, the speaker had been whomever the University conference committee could spare. Mrs. Stevenson also did Farmers' Institute work.

1929 — Mrs. Vesta Sample Perdue was very active in promoting Home Economics and 4-H Club work throughout the state. She was a Farmers' Institute speaker and was instrumental in organizing the

1930-1939

During this decade Extension club membership in Indiana seemed to struggle to maintain its membership while at the same time the organizational know-how improved.

In 1931, 83 counties selected "projects," as leader training work by Purdue Home Economics specialists was called. In that year there were 953 local clubs with 2,090 members.

It was in this decade that the state association sponsored contests for selection of a creed, a prayer and a seal. Greater effort was made to help club officers perfect their organization for promoting the educational program for which the clubs were formed.

A campaign was launched for having a home economics club in every township. Certificates of recognition were awarded to counties having achieved this 100 percent goal. As a result many clubs were formed.

1930 — Mrs. Frank Kirkpatrick (Mary), Clinton County, was one of the seven Farmers' Institute speakers from the ranks of the presidents of the Association. She served in 1930. This was the flapper era of bobbed hair, lowered hip lines and beads.

The state creed contest was held by the Association this year. Sixty creeds were submitted and judged by a committee of state officers. Each one was studied and the one selected was written by Mrs. C. W. Horne of Hendricks County. It is used throughout the state today.

1931 — Mrs. J. E. Baer (Orpha), Kosciusko County, became state President. She had been interested

first 4-H club and Home Economics Club in Shelby County. Mrs. Perdue, of Shelby County, was president in 1929. A special effort was made to interest women in the Home Economics Clubs and to establish new clubs.

The main speaker for the annual meeting was a man in charge of the Dining Service on the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was introduced by Russel East, then county agent in Shelby County and later Agricultural Agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

in home economics work for several years. She worked under Mr. Tom Parker, County Agent who resigned in 1926 leaving Kosciusko County without a paid leader. Mrs. Baer organized the first county club and obtained the services of Miss Meta Martin, from Purdue, who directed the club for three years. In 1936 the clubs in her county honored her with a trip to Washington, D.C., to attend the Third Triennial Conference of Associated Country Women of the World.

1932 — In this year when Mrs. McKinley Vance (Aline), Daviess County, was President a student loan fund for juniors and seniors at Purdue was started by club contribution.

On Monday afternoon of the conference a tea given for all women guests proved helpful in getting better acquainted.

On Wednesday a recognition service for "Master Farm Homemakers" was sponsored by the *Farmer's Wife* and the Home Economics Extension Service. Five women were given recognition: Mrs. E. W. Busche, Adams County, Mrs. E. L. Podgett, Newton County, Mrs. Austin Cochran, Clinton County, Mrs. W. E. McCartney, Shelby County, and Mrs. Allen Maxwell, Hendricks County.

1933 — As a stimulus to organizing more clubs in the county the goal, when Mrs. Floyd Gross (Anna), Wayne County, was president, was to have a club organized in every township. The next problem to be faced was what kind of an award should be given for this accomplishment. Mrs. Gross presented the idea of a state seal which, when framed, would be the proper award. Miss Venus L. Klein, of Kosciusko County, designed the seal adopted. Mrs. Gross

also was responsible for a pin for the past presidents — but this was later.

1934 — During the time that Mrs. Fred Herrick (Lora), of Cass County was President, she worked to reduce the dues as an incentive to getting more clubs to join the Association. The dues had been 10 cents per member when they joined as a club, so this year dues were reduced to 5 cents. It worked out as she had anticipated; the number of clubs in the Association increased. Mrs. Herrick was the first president sent to the National Country Life Association meeting. The first Home Economics Chorus in Indiana was organized in Tippecanoe County by Albert P. Stewart, when a group of women requested aid in forming a chorus. The idea of women getting together once a month and singing for the joy of singing spread rapidly throughout the state. Since the choruses were doing so well, Mrs. Herrick had for her subject at the annual meeting, "Indiana Singing."

1935 — Mrs. H. S. K. Bartholomew (Amy) from Elkhart County was President in 1935. The number of clubs had dropped to 264 and the membership was 6,014. These were the depression years, and club work, even of an educational nature, was secondary in the struggle of living. The first Mother's Day broadcast over station WBAA was sponsored by the Association and was dedicated to mothers and to honor Mrs. Virginia Meredith. The clubs in Elkhart County established the Amy Bartholomew Loan Fund for student nurses, in recognition of the work done by Mrs. Bartholomew.

1936 — Mrs. O. L. McCay (Mildred), of Tippecanoe County was President, and one of the important events was the adoption of the Association Prayer. This was written by the father of Mrs. Calvin Perdue.

The Past Presidents' Association was organized. The aims of the organization:

1. To disseminate throughout the state of Indiana a greater interest in the counties, clubs and individuals in the Indiana Home Economics Association Loan Fund.

2. To propagate the aims of the Indiana Home Economics Association to all now existing Home Economics Clubs of Indiana.

A copy of these aims was sent to Mrs. Meredith.

This year the Associated Country Women of the World met in Washington, D.C., and several women from Indiana attended. In one meeting, they report, the subject arose as to where to hold the next triennial meeting. The German delegates were asked if it could be held in Germany, and they replied, "We would have to ask our government." It was held in London.



The wise homemaker makes use of the services of the Extension Service and eagerly awaits the mail for her "Chats About Children" or the latest in homemaking research.

Today, in 1963, home demonstration councils are beginning to reach young homemakers not in clubs.

1937 — The year Mrs. L. C. Clendenning (Melinda), from Clinton County was President marked the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Indiana Home Economics Association. A tea was held in the Purdue gymnasium for all members and guests. It was a very gala occasion.

During the business session a memorial to Virginia C. Meredith was established in the form of a loan fund for graduate students in home economics.

Immediately following the business session, the

program featured the past presidents. A large frame was placed on the platform, and to the reading of an original poem each president appeared in the frame in the same dress she had worn at the business session the year she was president.

1938 — Mrs. Dan Hey, Jr. (Camille), of Shelby County, was President in 1938. To quote from her account of that year; "Northern Indiana was plagued with extensive floods and we had been delayed and detoured on our way to the winter conference at Purdue. We had been but briefly in the assembly hall at the Home Economics Building, and standing against the wall for lack of seats, when I heard myself nominated for the next president of the Home Economics Association . . . a great feeling of responsibility, not to mention pride, stole over me for I realized the great power of the organization I was to head and the enormous influence it might exert in our great state.

"Many interesting things happened to me that year. I tried to accept as many of the numerous invitations to visit clubs and Achievement Days as I could. Sometimes it meant great sacrifices on the part of my husband and my family — my three children were all at home and in school. But looking back, I realize that the contacts and the experiences that we all had, as a result of my holding this office, far overshadowed the inconveniences. We all profited by Mother's duties and coming and goings. To this day, we treasure the friends we made, the knowledge we acquired and the honors we shared.
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"One thing we did in the annual meeting was to get the consent of our organization and the money for our next president to travel abroad and represent us at the A.C.W.W. . . . What an honor to be presi-

dent of an organization that could send its own representative to Europe. Years have gone by and this great group of women has grown and grown. Women have come rapidly to the front from the days when you could hardly get them to a meeting. Those were the days when few of them drove cars, when their work was hard and tiresome, when they sometimes looked askance at those among us who were determined that the woman would come into her own. There were few Home Demonstration Agents then, women shunned holding an office, they sometimes blamed those who did try to lead and sometimes they criticized with good reason. . . . But let me tell you this: Satisfying as it may be to work in Home Economics Extension now when everything is so organized, systematized, financed and directed, the joys and satisfactions now certainly can't be compared with those in the old days when we were perhaps feeling our way and once in a while, getting there!"

1939 — One outstanding event in the year of 1939 when Mrs. William Bach (Theresa), of Lake County, was President was her trip to London, England, as the Association's voting delegate to the meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World. She was one of 25 hostesses who welcomed the delegations as they came to the Hall of Music in New York on Rural Women's day prior to leaving for England.

During the annual conference Mrs. Harry Stevenson, a past President, gave a talk in the new Hall of Music at Purdue. Her subject was "The Farm Home and Defense." She was one of the first women to speak in the new auditorium.

This year the Association became affiliated with the National Home Demonstration Council.

National Home Demonstration Council

From the 1936 report of Miss Maude Wallace, State Home Demonstration Leader in Virginia, we read, "The question of the desirability of a national organization for all home demonstration club women had been mentioned many times by rural home-makers but was discussed openly for the first time at the Conference of Farm Women which was held in Washington, D. C., in November 1934, in connection with the meeting of the American Country

Life Association. Nothing was done at this time, however, as it seemed wise to give time for further study and discussion of this matter by the various states. The question was taken up again in 1935 when the Farm Women met in connection with the A.C.L. at Columbus, Ohio. At this time a tentative organization was set up. A motion was made and carried that a national meeting of representatives be arranged at which time the perfecting of this

organization could be considered and that this meeting should be prior to the meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World which was to be held in Washington, D.C., in June 1936.

This tentative organization became a permanent one on June 1, 1936, in Washington in the auditorium of the Department of Agriculture, by vote of the states sending delegates.

The objectives of this organization as stated in the first Constitution are:

1. To further strengthen, develop, coordinate, and extend adult education in home economics through the cooperative Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture and Land Grant Colleges.
2. To provide opportunity for homemakers in home demonstration groups to pool their judgment and experience for the progressive improvement of home and country life.
3. To offer a means by which homemakers initiate, interest and promote extension projects of national importance in the protection and development of the American home.

WE BELIEVE . . . in the future and its promises

Having pioneered in the support of the 4-H program, the Indiana Home Demonstration Association provides concrete evidence of its continuing support and recognition of achievement by National 4-H Conference trip awards.

Each year since 1917 two outstanding 4-H girls in Indiana (for a few years three trips were given) have received the much coveted trip to the National 4-H Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. Two girls and two boys from each state are eligible for this citizenship training opportunity to study government and citizenship at the National 4-H Foundation Center and to participate in activities in our Nation's Capital.

The Association provides the entire cost, currently \$350, of the trips for the two girls in Indiana, but has no part in choosing the recipient. The selection is made through the State 4-H Office at Purdue from their 4-H achievement records.

It is unfortunate that early records do not show

(These objectives are basically the same today.)

The Indiana Home Demonstration Association has been a member since 1939. The 1940 annual meeting was held at Purdue. The Association sends a voting delegate and one other (usually the President and the Vice-president) each year to the annual meeting.

Mrs. G. E. Bausman of Tippecanoe County was Central Region Director for the three-year term 1948-50.

Mrs. James Potter of Benton County served in this same office in 1957-59.

Mrs. William G. DePew, Lake County, began her three-year term in this office Jan. 1, 1963.

The first National Leadership Conference sponsored by the N.H.D.C. was held at Purdue April 8-10, 1963, with representatives coming from 31 states.

The invitation has been extended and accepted to hold the 1965 National Meeting at Purdue.

the names of all the girls. In the minutes of 1917 are the names of Agatha Conner and Ruby Smith, appearing to tell of their trips to Washington. They had won this award for their participation in 4-H bread baking and canning projects. Ruby, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Sr., of Tipton County, was the younger sister of Neva Smith who is mentioned on page 60 of *Fifty Years of Cooperative Extension Service in Indiana* by Dave Thompson. The minutes of 1918 list Helen Jewell, Graysville, and Geraldine Cox, Elizabethtown, as the trip winners. In 1919 mention was made of the trip but names were not given. Pauline Henderson (now Mrs. Wm. Ranke), Tipton County (sewing club), and Ruth Ratcliff, Hendricks County (baking club), received the trip in 1920. Adele Davis, Hendricks County (bread club), and Laurine Leek, Hendricks County (sewing club) went in 1921.

In 1921 it was voted to give three girls a trip award. Unfortunately, the girls' names are not listed for 1922, and only one for 1924, Esther Edmond-

son of Hendricks Co., who appeared at the annual meeting in 1925 to tell of her trip to Washington.

1923 — Ruby Conaway, Fayette Co.; Harriet McCutchan, Inglefield, Ind.; Virginia Vannice, Hendricks Co.

1925 — Gladys Davidson, Montgomery; Maxine Morrissey, Allen; Opal Collins, Delaware.

Recorded in the minutes of 1927 was this resolution: Be it resolved that the Home Economics Association provide \$150 for educational trips to 4-H Club Girls selected on the basis of the revised system of awards being worked out by the State Leaders for work to be completed in 1927.

Indiana Delegates 1927-1962 — National 4-H Conference, Washington, D.C.

1927	Mary Oliver (Mrs. Mary Oliver Mueller)	Montgomery
	Gladys Keiser (Mrs. Walter Harris)	Whitley
1928	Helen Faye Kinney (Mrs. Lehman Dennerline)	Owen
	Frances Reed (Mrs. Allen Ferris)	Fountain
1929	Mildred Tobey (Mrs. Millard Hermon Ihde)	Fulton
	Vera Louise Davis (Mrs. Don Buller)	Grant
1930	Ruby Richardson (Mrs. Harold Thompson)	Tippecanoe
	Jonetta Bard (Mrs. Hughston Elijah)	Rush
1931	Hanna McEwon (Mrs. E. R. Janjigan)	Bartholomew
	Dorothea White (Mrs. LeRoy Flint)	Marion
1932	Mary Elizabeth Middleton (Mrs. Cedric Miller)	Wayne
	Alice Garrett (Mrs. Herbert Gentry)	Tippecanoe
1933	Reba Camp (Mrs. Hadley Ballanger)	Union
	Charlotte Etter (Mrs. Ben Jones)	Putnam
1934	Marion Ray (Mrs. Myron D. Rees)	Johnson
	Martha Goss (Mrs. Jack Latzer)	Morgan

1935	Helen Norris (Mrs. Clayne Fagg)	Vigo
	Mildred Flentke	Vanderburgh
1936	Mary Elizabeth Wein (Mrs. Fred Kiebler)	Tippecanoe
	Lillian Murphy (Mrs. John Strohm)	St. Joseph
1937	Mildred Stinson (Mrs. William R. Yokel)	Vanderburgh
	Marietta Johnson (Mrs. Clifford Applegate)	Delaware
1938	Agnes McCulloch Mildred Goff (Mrs. Joseph P. Machledt)	Scott Parke
1939	Marybelle Halstead (Mrs. Edison Clark)	Tippecanoe
	Mary Frances Ferguson	Vigo
1940	Dorothy Arvidson (Mrs. Eddie Buss)	Tippecanoe
	Margaret Young (Mrs. Margaret Warner)	Marion
1941	Betty Leaming (Mrs. Alvin E. Morehouse)	Tippecanoe
	Marjorie Martin (Mrs. Don Lang)	Jackson
1946	Joanna Brashaber (Mrs. Everett Smith)	Monroe
	Phyllis Dillabaugh (Mrs. Donald Ross)	Lake
1947	Nancy Burchell (Mrs. John Combs)	Boone
	Deloris Joan Barclay	Warrick
1948	Marquita Davis (Mrs. Marquita Landis)	Tippecanoe
	Jane Congleton (Mrs. Charles M. Quick)	Clinton
1949	Eloise Wagner (Mrs. Kenneth Kohlmerton)	Clay
	Phyllis Loomis	LaPorte
1950	Geraldine Solliday	Daviess
	Evelyn Barclay	Warrick
1951	Mary Jane McEllhiney Zoe Coulson	Gibson Sullivan

Temporarily discontinued during the war years. The girls did, however, go to a camp at Minewanca, Michigan, for leadership training. In 1944 four girls were sent.

1952	Virginia Murphy Sara Sue Phegley	Marion Sullivan Monroe
1953	Alice Graves (Mrs. Mark Beymer) Ann Abbott	Marion Rush
1954	Marjorie Wilkinson (Mrs. Jack Fadelt) Jane Mann	Warren LaPorte
1955	Elaine Hagenow Elanor Norris	Kosciusko
1956	Barbara Buhler Janet Norton (Mrs. Richard Harlow)	Rush Parke
1957	Linda Schermerhorn Anna Rose Pound	Noble Sullivan
1958	Linda Gould (Mrs. Wayne Nierman) Mary Churchman (Mrs. David Weber)	Tippecanoe
1959	Bonnita Richards Phyllis Cook	Marion
1960	Martha Sue Collins Margie Turner (Mrs. James Shepherd)	Monroe Marshall Steuben
1961	Linda Markins Norma Waddy	Henry
1962	Eva Mae Key Susan Ragsdale	Delaware Marion Monroe Tippecanoe



Dr. Gladys E. Vail, Dean of the Purdue School of Home Economics, talks with the two Lella R. Gaddis Scholarship girls about their careers in Home Economics. Center: Martha Jo Caudell, a freshman from Noblesville, is majoring in Foods and Nutrition, while Amy Addison, right, sophomore, from Rushville is specializing in Dietetics and Home Economics in Business.

The LELLA R. GADDIS Scholarship was started by the Indiana Home Demonstration Association in 1947 to honor Miss Gaddis upon her retirement from 35 years' service as State Leader of Home Economics Extension in Indiana. Its purposes are to encourage education for women and to promote the study of Home Economics, thus furthering two important objectives of the Association.

At first it was one year in length, but at the end of the first year, it was decided to extend it for two years for each girl selected if her grades were maintained. This is a tuition scholarship for a freshman in the School of Home Economics at Purdue and for her sophomore year if her grades are satisfactory.

The recipient is selected at the Indiana State Fair School for Girls. Those interested may apply for the scholarship and then are given a test. This test is given considerable weight in the selection, along with the recommendations for the girl and the need that seems to be shown for her to secure a scholarship for college work. At the State Fair School for Girls the most valuable and esteemed scholarship is the Lella R. Gaddis Scholarship.

Through this program of the Association, members of Home Demonstration clubs in Indiana have helped 15 girls from 13 counties with their college education. Following is a list of girls, their home county, and years of award.

Lella R. Gaddis Scholarships

	County	Year
Vivian Bales	Boone	1947-48 — 1948-49
Millicent Courtney	Grant	1948-49 — 1949-50
Geneva Murphy	Perry	1949-50 — 1950-51
Marjorie Whistler	St. Joseph	1950-51 (1 year only)
Anna Camp	Tippecanoe	1951-52 — 1952-53
Nancy Lou Fordice	Putnam	1953-54 — 1954-55
Linda Hetrick	Union	1954-55 — 1955-56
Marilyn Thornburg	Decatur	1955-56 (1 year only)
Charlotte Ann Roden	St. Joseph	1956-57 (1 year)
Patricia Euler	Vanderburgh	1957-58 — 1958-59
Donna Kitchell	Union	1958-59 — 1959-60
Margaret Ann Lamper	Madison	1959-60 — 1960-61
Barbara Jane Imel	Clinton	1960-61 — 1961-62
Amy Addison	Rush	1961-62 — 1962-63
Martha Joanne Caudell	Hamilton	1962-63 —

TWIN PINES

. . . successful project of Indiana Home Demonstration Clubs

Twin Pines Cooperative, now in its tenth year of operation in the spring of 1963, has housed over 100 Indiana girls interested in college degrees. The idea of establishing a cooperative house was first conceived by members of the Indiana Home Demonstration Association in 1947. During the next five years, \$30,000 was collected by the Home Demonstration Association. The sum of money was loaned to Purdue Research Foundation to be used to purchase and reconstruct a house at 322 Waldron St., West Lafayette. The house was further mortgaged for \$23,808 by the Purdue Research Foundation to build additional rooms. The total sum is being paid off as rent by the girls.

the period of construction, the home demonstration clubs throughout the state had raised another \$8,000 for furnishings, which included equipment, furniture, curtains, carpet, silver, china and mattresses. Some of the furnishings were specific gifts from counties. Members of the Home Demonstration Chorus purchased a piano for the house.

In anticipation of the opening, Twin Pines was formally dedicated at the annual Homemakers Conference on the Purdue campus in June 1954, when a plaque was presented to a representative of the first group of girls. This was accepted by Hope DeRemer Becker, a house member, and it hangs in the entrance of Twin Pines. The plaque reads:

"To honor Lella Reed Gaddis for 34 years of service, the Indiana Home Demonstration Association dedicates Twin Pines Cooperative House, June 18, 1954."

Thus the plan to recognize Miss Gaddis, the first state leader of home demonstration agents in Indiana, was underway when 24 girls moved into Twin Pines in September 1954.

To become a member of Twin Pines, a girl must apply for membership through her county home demonstration council, must be cleared by a state home demonstration committee, and must be voted in by current Twin Pines residents. Acceptance into Twin Pines is comparable to a scholarship of about \$450 a year for each of the 27 girls living in the house. Once a member, a girl may continue to live in Twin Pines while enrolled at Purdue. The girls are chosen on the basis of financial need, scholarship, interest in Home Economics and qualifications for cooperative living.

Work and management of the house are shared equally by the girls who live there. The girls govern themselves on the basis of rules set up through the Office of Dean of Women of Purdue University.

Mrs. Edith Soper has served as housemother since 1954. "Mom" Soper has been a steady counseling



Twin Pines

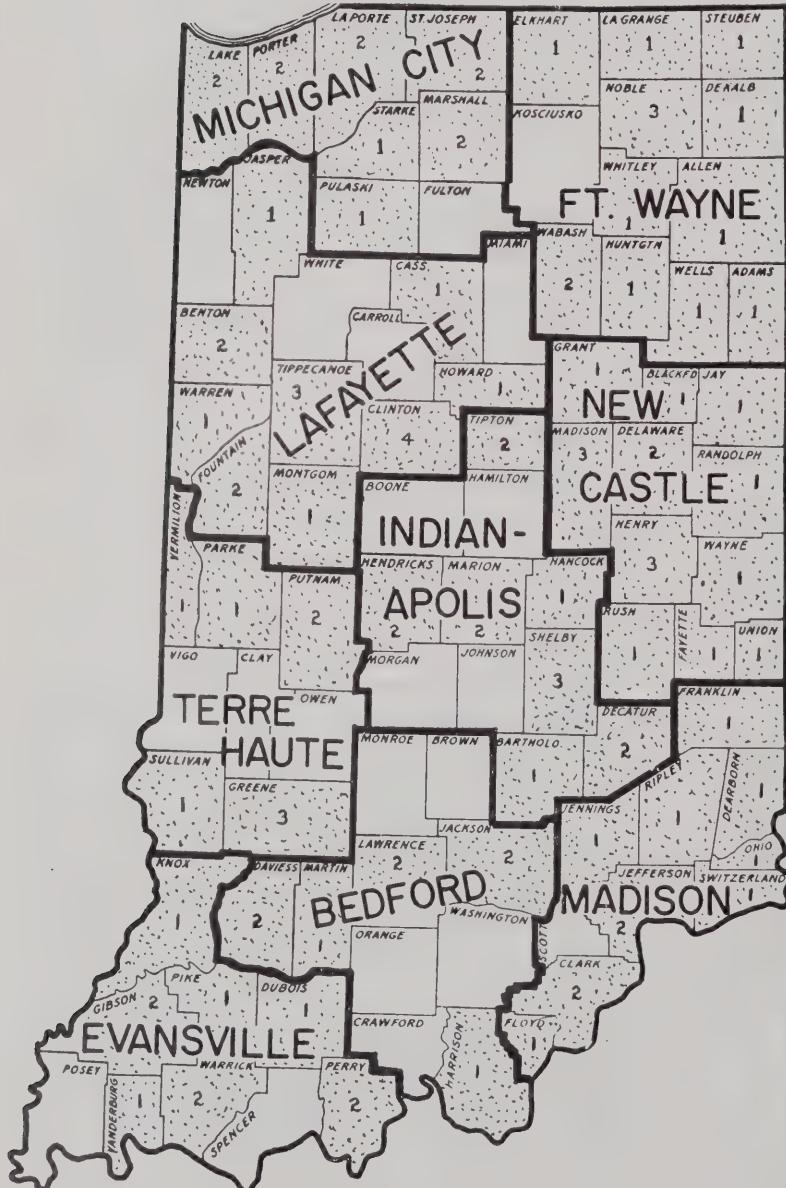
Twin Pines is not owned by the Association but rather made possible by support and loan of funds. The Home Demonstration Association reserved the privilege of naming the house and participating in recruiting and selection of young women to live there.

The name of "Twin Pines" was chosen by the Indiana Home Demonstration Association as a symbol of cooperation. The house was officially opened in the fall of 1954, after a year of remodelling and the construction of a new wing. During

lor and guide to the girls in the house and a gracious hostess to all.

Twin Pines was developed as a way to encourage

Indiana girls to go to college and to study Home Economics. Since its beginning, 71 counties have had representatives in the house.



Shaded counties and numbers, Twin Pines representation (individuals), 1954-1962.



Janice Biesecker (Clinton County), left and
Patty Pickens (Cass County), right, painting
basement wall of Twin Pines in preparation
for open house.



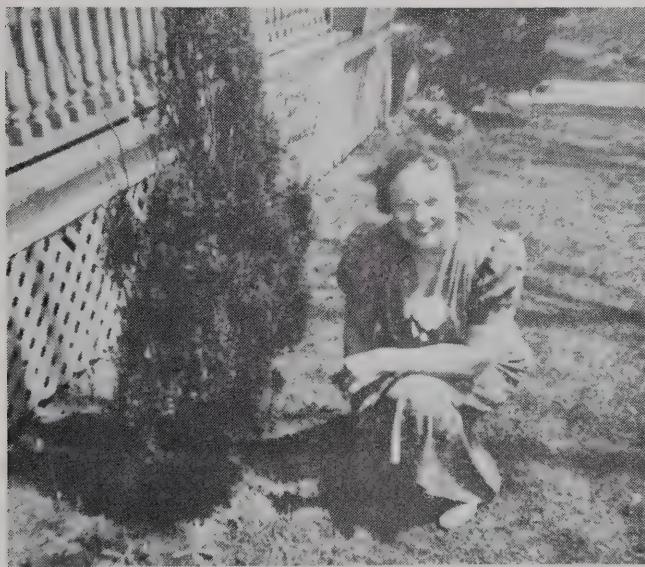
Paula Oprea (St. Joseph County), left and Sharon Jackson (Decatur County), right, cleaning their room at Twin Pines.

WOMEN RESPOND

. . . to the challenge of a contest

It was in 1930 the State Association sponsored a contest to write a CREED. From the 60 entries submitted and judged by the officers of the association, the one written by Mrs. C. W. Horne of Hendricks county was selected as the winner and is used throughout the state today. In writing this creed, Mrs. Horne endeavored to voice the sentiment of every member of Home Economics clubs with the hope that this valuable work would go on forever — to pass on to others that which has benefited us.

Mrs. Horne was born and reared in Spencer County, Indiana. Her hobby is sewing, which she began doing at the age of 10, and she later became a dressmaker and designer of women's apparel. She taught this work through department stores and women's clubs. Mrs. Horne lives in Indianapolis, Indiana, and believes that "Home Economics club work has helped many women."



Mrs. C. W. Horne

In 1933, as a stimulus to organizing more clubs in each county, the goal was to have a club organized in every township. For a decision on the type of award that should be given for this accomplishment, the idea of Mrs. Floyd Gross, then state President, of a STATE SEAL was accepted. Word was sent

to the counties, and Miss Venus L. Klein of Kosciusko County designed the seal which was adopted. This seal has been used many years as an award. Miss Klein now lives in Kenmore, New York.

Mrs. Calvin Perdue, a past President of the Association, was a member of a committee to provide a STATE PRAYER. She says, "After repeated efforts on my part to make four lines rhyme and express my thought, I appealed to my father, Mr. Thomas M. Sample, formerly of Tennessee and then living in New Palestine, Ind. It was during the depression years when farmers and their wives were struggling so bravely to keep their farms and their courage — it was with this thought in mind that my father composed the prayer."

The Prayer was adopted at the annual meeting in 1936 and was sung for the first time by Mrs. Albert P. Stewart. Mr. Sample heard it sung (tune — "He Leadeth Me") over the radio. Mrs. Perdue spends her time with her family, Extension work, Farm Bureau, Federated clubs, etc. She feels that her greatest remuneration for her work is the friends she has made throughout the state.

In 1962 The National Home Demonstration Council sponsored an essay contest in observance of 100 years of the Land Grant Colleges in the United States. To further the interest in Indiana, the Association sponsored a contest prior to the National one and the three winning essays were sent on to be judged in National competition. It was gratifying to have one of our winners a national winner. Receiving third place was Mrs. Irene Yankauskas of Lake County. Thirty-five women submitted essays in Indiana and there were 67 essays from 30 states in the National contest.

Excerpts — Indiana's Prize-Winning Essays "The Role of the Land-Grant Colleges or Universities During the Past Century"

Mrs. Yankauskas writes: Ask an Indiana farmer what's new in Agriculture, and chances are his reply will begin, "According to Purdue. . ." Ask a communication expert about radio and television,

and he will credit Purdue with Indiana's first radio station and the nation's first television tube. Mention transistors to an electronics technician, and he will trace their development to initial research on semiconductors made at Purdue. Ask a homemaker what's new in Family Living, Social Security, marketing, health and safety, taxes, or credit buying, and she will attribute her information to Purdue. Purdue, like her 67 associate Land Grant institutions, is constantly seeking and finding the answers to "What's New?"

Mrs. Dora Legg, Tipton County, writes: The people I know best are the members of my family. It is impossible to think of our lives apart from Purdue and Extension Service. My first memories of Extension are of Farmers' Institutes during my childhood. Institute speakers often stayed overnight in my parents' home. . . . In 1926 we were separated from the school-teaching and the Y.M.C.A. background by the death of Byron's father, and set down on an Indiana farm. We brought with us three small boys and a baby girl; in the next ten years we added three more sons to our brood. Our need for guidance was as great as our need for a steady income. We had been trained by the Indiana University History department to seek source material. For farmers, source material must be at the Agricultural College, so off we went to Purdue. Thus was established a relationship that was to run like a bright thread throughout the years we had together; and to continue on in the life of the son into whose capable hands the operation of the farm fell at his dad's death. . . . My family is typical — one boy stayed on the farm, five found their careers in urban centers. Many times the wives of these sons come to me with questions on home-making and child guidance. It would be so nice if I could say "Go to your local Extension office; they have those helps you need available for the asking". But they have no Extension Service available for urban and city residents.

It seems to me that we should no longer put a fence around our Extension program by calling it Agricultural. Our population grows ever more urban. The future of our nation depends on building good homes, and solving the accumulating problems that come to city dwellers as well as farmers. Since population is exploding, young people must have the opportunity to train themselves to their capacity

in order to cope with a present day highly industrialized society. Purdue, along with other Land Grant Colleges, faces the problem this creates. It may tax the ingenuity and inventiveness of her administrators; it will call for increased effort and financing from all us us. I have faith that an educated and dedicated citizenry will rise to meet the crisis. This is the God-given American way.

Mrs. Henry Lefever, Whitley County, writes: If you have never taken advantage of the information which Purdue University has made available to the people of our state, you have no idea what you are missing. We are a farm family and must make our farm pay, as it is our only source of income. . . . For the past several years we have been farming 400 acres on a half and half basis. By testing our soil, putting on the correct analysis and amounts of fertilizer which is recommended by Purdue along with approved seed, above average machinery and our good old Indiana "dirt", we have really begun to see that there is much joy and beauty in farming. We belong to the Better Farming-Better Living group which is headed by a very fine young man who takes a sincere interest in all of us. . . . A week seldom goes by without a letter from the County Extension Office that contains its usual information. . . . Are you making use of this service which is available to you? If you are not, it is time that you made a visit to your County Agent's Office to find out what there is available to you. We have found that the very competent staff will answer most any question that you might have. If they happen not to be able to answer it, they will help you find the answer.

Mrs. Wm. J. Wittekindt, Vanderburgh County, writes: Why is there such a close feeling between the people of Indiana and Purdue? Is it because of their athletic teams? No, it is because Purdue has dealt directly or indirectly with all Hoosiers personally. This is the place we go to have a lot of our questions answered. This is the place we feel free to go and ask questions.

Fittingly enough the Morrill Act that brought into being the Land-Grant Colleges was signed by President Lincoln who is remembered not only for deeds, but for words such as "of the people, for the people and by the people." Is there a better description of our own Purdue than what these words imply?

Cannot these words be applied to such organizations as 4-H Clubs, Indiana Home Demonstration Clubs, Farmers Institutes, Extension activities in Engineering, Purdue's Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Agricultural Information office from which we ask and receive so many bulletins on subjects we wish to know more about?

WE BELIEVE

. . . in everything that makes life large and lovely

HOOSIERS SINGING

In the year 1934, a group of women from Tippecanoe County gathered in the studio of radio station WBAA at Purdue. They had rehearsed several old familiar songs under the direction of Albert P. Stewart and were there to sing them as background music on a program designed to interest more women in joining Home Economics Clubs. It was fun for the singers, and the public liked the music. So more rehearsals were held, leading to more appearances both in public and on the radio.

Several of the group suggested a permanent organization. The idea was immediately accepted, and

Life in Indiana without Purdue would be hard to imagine, for all of us directly and indirectly have become so accustomed to the benefits derived from that school we take them for granted. Yet a hundred years ago no such college as Purdue existed. Education at that time was mainly for training for the ministry and for a privileged few.

the Tippecanoe County Home Economics Chorus was organized, the first one of its kind.

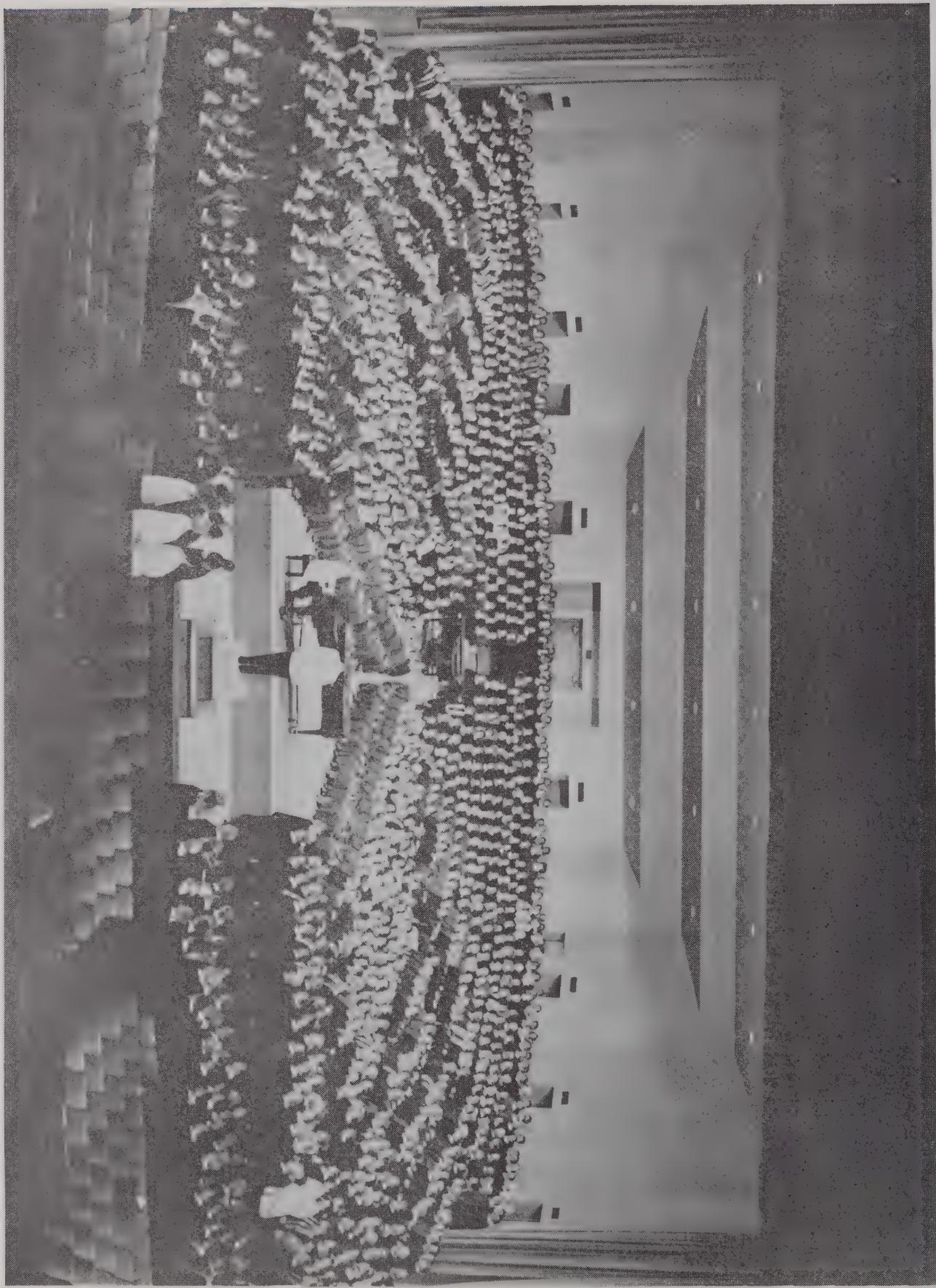
The county chorus idea spread rapidly, and in 1937 music was made a part of the Agriculture Extension Service with the appointment of Albert P. Stewart as State Leader to establish and supervise statewide participation.

With the rapid growth of the program, district rehearsals were held which led to an annual festival attracting as many as 3,000 singers to Purdue's Hall of Music. Each year, the challenge of learning new music and adding new membership maintains the intense interest which keeps the Indiana Home



The original Tippecanoe County Chorus organized in 1934 under the direction of Albert P. Stewart of Purdue.

Visual proof of the growth from 32 ladies to approximately 2,000 in this picture, and near 4,500 actual members throughout the state.



Demonstration Chorus (changed from Home Economics to Home Demonstration in 1952) the largest organized women's chorus in the world. Dr. Stewart has remained the State Leader of the program since its inception, and in 1948 Marvin D. Myers was appointed as Assistant State Leader.

The activities of this organization have known no boundaries. They have sung in the Hollywood Bowl as a benefit for the Crippled Children of Los Angeles, they have spread good will to Canada and to nine countries of Europe. They sang the poems of Indiana's beloved Riley to thousands at the Sesquicentennial Celebration in Washington. Florida greeted their music at a "Hoosier Holiday" in

Sarasota, and thousands cheered their program at the Portland, Oregon, Rose Festival. Many county choruses have been hosts to groups from other states and have exchanged visits.

The ladies of the Indiana Home Demonstration Chorus are proud to be a part of this program. In their vari-colored choir robes they make an imposing sight, and their many public appearances make them seasoned "troupers."

Homemakers all, they first have all the responsibilities of a home and family and yet find time to rehearse and go when and where the occasion arises to entertain, to extend "good will" or just to sing for the love of singing.

THROUGH THE YEARS . . .

1940 — Mrs. G. H. Brown (Golda), Randolph County, says that the most outstanding event during her year was the unveiling of the portrait of Lella R. Gaddis and the presentation to the university. This was a tribute for the 25 years that Miss Gaddis had served as State Leader. As further tribute she was made honorary President of the Association, a post she still has.

Other accomplishments were the revision of the Constitution (beginning the fiscal year on January 1, among other things) and a sum donated to the Riley Hospital for an air conditioning unit. A Victory Garden Campaign was launched, and the membership increased to 25,045. This was the year that Purdue University was host to the National Home Demonstration Council.

1941 — Mrs. Page Bronnenberg (Henrietta), Madison County, was President in 1941. This year the Student Loan Fund and the Virginia C. Meredith Memorial Loan Fund were combined and called the Virginia C. Meredith Student Loan Fund. A gavel, made from virgin timber of yellow poplar, was presented to the Association. It was a gift from Mrs. T. Eugene Bailey and was made by her brother from a stairway of their old home in Tippecanoe County built in 1849. Miss Gaddis did the "engraving."

1942 — One important event during the time Mrs. C. T. Crone (Kathryn), Warren County, was president was the contest to design the State President's pin. Mrs. Floyd Gross, past President, won this

contest, and the pin is the official emblem of the presidents of the Association.

1943 — Mrs. G. E. Bausman (Fern), Tippecanoe County, served as president in 1943. The recently adopted State President's pin was officially presented to each of the past Presidents of the Association. In 1948 Mrs. Bausman was elected Central Region Director of the N.H.D.C.

1944 — During Mrs. Roy Latta's (Alvira), Clay County, term of office the "Let's get acquainted" program was started in order to acquaint members with the state organization. A change was recommended in the number of executive committee members so there might be a closer contact between the state organization and the local clubs. It was suggested that there be an officer in each of the nine county agent districts in the state.

1945 — This was during World War II, and not a great deal was accomplished in the Association as travel was curtailed by gas rationing, according to Mrs. Fred Dimmick (Lovey), Grant County. She was only able to attend two district meetings, and they were held in the nearest counties.

This year only 300 women attended the conference at Purdue which was about a third of the usual attendance. This meeting was held in January, when the weather is generally bad. Mrs. Dimmick asked Miss Gaddis if they had ever considered changing the conference time and Miss Gaddis said they had

talked of various seasons. (In 1948 the conference was held in the summer.) Mrs. Dimmick recalled that when she first went to the conference she had to room in a private home. She enjoyed it as she met such lovely people.

1946 — Mrs. Worley Myers (Bonnie), Montgomery County, stated that she attended the 10th annual meeting of the National Home Demonstration Council in Omaha, Nebraska. There were 400 delegates from 26 states, and she talked to the group on the many advantages Indiana had and named many prominent persons born in the state. She also listed our colleges and universities and closed by singing "On the Banks of the Wabash." Mrs. Myers visited Lake Webster when the women held camp there and gave the address at their main meeting.

1947 — Mrs. Charles Krise (Sadie), of DeKalb County thinks the outstanding event during her term of office was the very beginning of a cooperative house for girls at Purdue University. During the business session Miss Gaddis presented the idea of the Association sponsoring some big project for the girls in the state, namely the erection of a Home Demonstration House. It would be fully equipped and furnished according to the ideas of the members and would house 20 to 30 girls. Some of the members wanted to vote immediately as her suggestion was very enthusiastically received, but Miss Gaddis asked the members to think it over, appoint a committee and come back to the next annual meeting ready to discuss the possibilities.

During this meeting a motion was made to hold the annual business meeting in the summer instead of January, as had been customary.

There were six more clubs this year. The enrollment was 1,374 clubs with a membership of 38,315.

The Lella R. Gaddis Scholarship Fund was started for the outstanding State Fair School Girl. Miss Gaddis retired as State Leader and Miss Eva L. Goble was named to the position.

1948 — Mrs. Orville Miller (Florence), Vermillion County, was president in 1948 when in August the first summer conference was held. At the business session the House project was officially accepted and adopted. The question of how to raise the money was discussed and finally one delegate moved "that everyone of us delegates take back to our clubs this

idea and work out in our clubs how to raise \$1.00 per member." The motion was seconded and passed. All details of working out plans were left to the Home Demonstration House Committee of which Mrs. Miller was a member.

This year it was voted to enlarge the state executive committee to include one representative from each district in addition to the state officers.

The Lella R. Gaddis Scholarship was continued and will hold for the sophomore year if grades are maintained.

Mrs. Miller has earned many honors, among them receiving her Bachelor's Degree in 1955 and being named teacher of the year in 1958 by the Federated Clubs. In 1963 she started her 35th year of 4-H Club work.

1949 — The annual meeting was again held in August, and Pen-Pals were introduced the year Mrs. Ray Lambert (Inah), Delaware County, was President. The clubs received full instructions on how to proceed with this project in which members showed a great deal of interest. The Cooperative House plans were accepted and clubs began to raise funds with a goal of \$1.00 per member.

1950 — Mrs. J. H. Gillaspy (Etta), Jackson County, was President the year the District Association meetings began. These meetings were held in each district and were set up by the district representative along with the supervisor from Purdue. It proved to be a good way to get acquainted with each other and with the State Association.

A committee was appointed to investigate the purchase of the house to be used as a cooperative house, and \$17,977.42 was reported raised by the members.

Eight former 4-H trip winners (1930-1948) were present to be honored at a luncheon at noon of the Annual Meeting day.

Mrs. G. E. Bausman of Indiana, Central Region Director of the National Home Demonstration Council, installed the new officers. Mrs. Alice Jones, Kosciusko County, was a delegate to the A.C.W.W. meeting in Denmark.

1951 — In this year, Miss Fannie Beard, Vigo County, was President and the name Indiana Home Economics Association was changed to the Indiana Home Demonstration Association. The name was changed to relate to the title of Extension personnel

— Home Demonstration Agents — and to avoid confusion with the professional organization of home economists.

The choruses from northern Indiana sang at the N.H.D.C. meeting held in East Lansing, Michigan, and were received with great enthusiasm.

Miss Gaddis had a breakfast for the past Presidents. Each President was to bring \$10 for the "Live at Home and Learn House." Mrs. Ray Lambert, past President, had decided to make her \$10 grow. At the time she was doing some textile painting and had made some aprons and sold them and presented \$60.76 to the House.

The annual meeting report revealed a total of \$20,822.36 in the fund. It was moved that the house funds be loaned to Purdue Research Foundation to be used in making suitable arrangements for the house. Carried.

A revised Constitution was adopted. Mrs. Raymond Sayre of Iowa, President of A.C.W.W., was the keynote speaker.

1952 — This year Mrs. Clarence Kimmer (Lois), Wells County, was President. The Cooperative House was still the most important subject before the annual meeting. Many details were being worked out and decided. A request passed that the Virginia C. Meredith Loan Fund be withdrawn and transferred to the House Fund.

The name on the Presidents' Pin was revamped to coincide with the new name "Home Demonstration."

1953 — Mrs. Carl Scudder (Wilberta), Tipton County, state President, was a delegate from Indiana to the A.C.W.W. conference in Toronto, Canada. There were five working delegates from Indiana. The Tipton County Chorus directed by Mr. Albert P. Stewart sang and were rated as outstanding "good will ambassadors." The idea of "sing and be happy" made a deep and lasting impression on members of other countries who were represented. The association contributed \$100 to the hospitality fund.

Interest in legislation was expressed that year, and a representative from each district attended the legislature as a group and as observers. Out of this beginning, the "Citizenship School" developed.

The name "Twin Pines" was selected for the Cooperative House, and \$30,000 was contributed by

the members of the Association.

1954 — Two exciting and outstanding events occurred in 1954 when Mrs. James Potter (Wilma), Benton County, was president. One was the formal dedication of Twin Pines, our cooperative house for girls at Purdue. The other was the initiation of the Brazilian Project, a self-help scholarship plan for home economics students studying to be teachers at the University of Vicosa, Minas Gerais, Brazil. The fund, \$300 annually, administered by a Purdue Staff member on loan to the University to help establish the first Home Economics School in Brazil, provided assistance to several girls each year to help them help themselves by paying them for work usually done by servants. This project grew out of observations of the delegates to the A.C.W.W. Triennial Conference in Toronto, Canada, the year before. They were particularly concerned that there were no rural women's groups or representatives of rural women of South American countries attending the Conference.

Tours were conducted through Twin Pines during summer conference week so that homemakers might see the result of their cooperative efforts. These tours have been continued each year during conference week, giving our new members and first-time attenders an opportunity to see the house.

Planning was begun for a Citizenship School.

In retrospect, Mrs. Potter says, "A definite pattern seems apparent to me. This period of mid 1950's was one of broad expansion in the Home Demonstration program and lesson subject matter. Emphasis grew stronger in such areas as International, Citizenship, Government, Safety, Health, Reading, in addition to the Homemaking Arts and Scholarships and Education for girls formerly promoted. The Indiana Home Demonstration Association was a strong motivating force in this expansion which had been growing and now really burst into bloom."

1955 — Mrs. John Curry (Myrtle), Sullivan County, felt that her year as President was a between year of achievements. The house was dedicated the year before and the citizenship school was in the making.

"The Role of Women in the Changing World" was the theme for this 43rd year, and the program continued to broaden the phase of citizenship education. A vital part of the program was Health and

Safety, and clubs were provided health and safety kits to be used as five-minute discussions at their regular meeting each month. The Indiana Home Demonstration Creed was translated into Portuguese and sent as a plaque to the college in Brazil as a gesture of friendship from several thousand women in Indiana to the womenfolk of the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil. An IFYE student and a teacher from Brazil were in Indiana and added a great deal to the inter-communication between the two countries. A Home Demonstration Agent from Greece, who was studying at Purdue, talked before local and county groups. Many H. D. clubs contributed to her education while in this country and sent packages to the mountain areas where she worked.

The Home Demonstration Choruses presented a spinet piano to Twin Pines. As a special tribute to Hoosier Home Demonstration Agents the Association contributed \$50 to the National Fund (Florence Hall Award) for recognition of home agents.

The Association voted to have a citizenship school. This year every county in the state became affiliated with the state Association. The report shows 92 counties paying dues for 2,745 clubs and a membership of 66,798 women.

1956 — Mrs. Ralph Diefenbach (Nina), Clark County, was President. The first of the five series of annual Citizenship Schools for Home Demonstration leaders was held with about 100 delegates attending. The "Pennies for Friendship" fund reached a new high with \$1,751.49 being reported by the time of the annual meeting. Mrs. James Potter, a past President, was elected to serve as Central Region Director of the National Home Demonstration Council for a three-year term.

At the annual meeting, Vanderburgh County presented an original pageant called "Life on the Ohio" with 115 Vanderburgh County women taking part in the production.

1957 — Mrs. Victor J. Fischer (Carolyn), Vanderburgh County, during her term of office visited each district meeting and enjoyed being with the members throughout the state. The clubs numbered 2,893, representing 65,226 members in all 92 counties. Regular projects were all continued, and 25 counties sent \$250 to sponsor a UNESCO gift coupon for Ceylon. Sonia Da Silvas, Brazilian graduate student at Purdue University from Rural University, Minas

Garais, Brazil, presented a pennant to the members of the Association in appreciation for the efforts spent in their behalf. Miss Anita Dickson of Purdue, who spent five years at Minas Gerais, with Sonia Da Silvas showed colored slides and commented on the life at Rural University, as part of the program for the annual meeting.

Mrs. Floyd Amsler, safety chairman, reported 55 counties had participated in the state program. The second Citizenship School was enlarged to accommodate two delegates from each county. Four members were appointed to serve on a joint Research Committee with five Home Agents. The purpose of this committee is to define research, its usefulness and its possibilities to all H.D. members.

1958 — During the year that Mrs. Elmer Becker (Mildred), Allen County, was President, special emphasis was placed on research in homemaking activities; Citizenship School for the third year; and Safety. Driving contests were sponsored on the county, district and state level, for which the Association received an award from the Indiana Safety Council for outstanding achievement in the field of safety (Mrs. Floyd Amsler, State Safety Chairman, attended and participated in a three-day traffic safety seminar at Northwestern University). The chorus represented the association by singing at the Rose Festival in Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Ana Armstrong, a homemaker and A.C.W.W. member from Australia, was the house guest of Mrs. Becker for several weeks and was a speaker at June Conference. This year the International Farm Youth Exchange Program and the People to People Program played a prominent part with our club members as they supported both programs financially and with great interest.

The Association focused attention on the needs of young homemakers and a Young Homemaker program. A panel on "The Future and Its Promises" was held at the annual meeting, and a workshop for young women on "Money Management" was received with enthusiasm. A leaflet "More Help for Young Homemakers" was distributed and a survey of the membership was started with recognition to counties organizing new clubs.

Mrs. Becker said, "It was one of the best years of my club life."

1959 — Mrs. Perry Thompson (Ruth), Bartholo-

mew County, served in 1959 and Health was one of the outstanding projects as almost all of the clubs cooperated with community health on a local level. They sponsored polio shots for the family. The Citizenship School was continued and the safety program was still in force. A TV series on Money Management was promoted.

"Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World" was the theme of the annual meeting and was dominant in club programs throughout the year.

The Past Presidents contributed to a landscape plan set-up for Twin Pines. Another continuing project of theirs is to give a fine and suitable book to the Library at Twin Pines in memory of deceased members of the Past Presidents' group.

1960 — Mrs. Kenneth Scott (Rosanna), Delaware County, stated that for two years they had been discussing an "International Fund", and at the annual meeting while she was President it became a reality. The contributions are to be divided as follows: 1/3 for Pennies for Friendship, 1/3 for Homemaker Exchange Project, and 1/3 for International Relations Fund (dues, scholarships, etc.).

This year marked the fifth and concluding year of the Citizenship School, with 129 women from 66 Counties attending. The results summarized showed a definite increase in interest and participation in good citizen activities. A committee was appointed to assist Home Agents in promoting a Young Homemakers' Program. The polio immunization was progressing, and it was decided to continue it as a state health project another year.

Mrs. Elmer Becker, Mrs. Benson McLaughlin and Mrs. Ray Lambert had attended the A.C.W.W. Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1959 and gave a report and travelog at the annual meeting.

Mrs. Van Beekhoff of the Netherlands, President of the Associated Country Women of the World, spent a week visiting Mrs. Scott and Indiana following the N.H.D.C. meeting at Madison, Wisconsin. At the C.W.C. meeting in Iowa, Mrs. Guy Gross, Farm Bureau, and Mrs. Scott extended an invitation for the C.W.C. to meet in Indiana in 1961. The invitation was accepted.

1961 — In this year when Mrs. Wm. G. DePew (Nellie), Lake County, was President, the Indiana H. D. Association was co-hostess with the Farm

Bureau Women for the Country Women's Council annual meeting, held in Indianapolis in August. Miss Eleanor Kasai, President of the Hawaii H. D. Council, visited Mrs. DePew and Indiana for a few days prior to the C.W.C. meeting and journeyed with her to the N.H.D.C. meeting in Maine. At the Maine meeting Mrs. DePew formally issued an invitation for Indiana to host the National meeting in 1963. Arkansas also had issued an invitation and when this was voted on, Indiana lost by a close vote. But Indiana women rallied and went right on with plans to celebrate their "golden year" in 1963. Indiana, through the leadership efforts of Mrs. Richard Agness, Health and Safety Chairman, received the Elin Anderson Award for the work done in the polio immunization campaign.

Mrs. DePew feels her year was an in-between year, too. The Citizenship School series was completed and the Homemaker Exchangee had not yet been selected. But much ground work and planning was done by the International committee during this year. Enthuiasm for the international program was contagious. Miss Marjorie McKinney, HDA from Wayne county, had charge of the United States Women's Exhibit at the Agricultural Fair in Cairo, Egypt, in 1961 and returned in time for the annual meeting, where she was the featured speaker. Members prepared themselves for what she would have to tell them by reading and studying and doing research on Egypt, its ancient history, its past glories and present problems. The theme for the year was "A Better World Begins With Me."

1962 — Mrs. Lloyd Cash (Isabel), Montgomery County, held the office in 1962, and the membership was 65,205 women in 3,059 clubs in the 92 counties. This was the centennial year of the Land Grant Colleges, and the I.H.D.A. theme "Build Tomorrow Today Through Education" focused attention on Indiana colleges and education for all. This has really been a continuing theme throughout the years, for a resolution passed by the association in 1924 read: Be it resolved that we, as an organization and as individuals, explain to prospective college girls and their parents the scope of Home Economics training and the value of such a course.

Director LeRoy Hoffman retired from Extension, and in his honor the Association gave \$100 to the Indiana 4-H Center. At the centennial dinner Director Hoffman, L. M. Busche, Geneva Nugent

and W. F. Graham were honored as retiring from active service at the University.

At the N.H.D.C. meeting in Kentucky, Mrs. Cash extended an invitation to hold the 1965 meeting in Indiana. The invitation was accepted as well as one to hold the first N.H.D.C. Leadership Conference at Purdue in 1963. At the meeting in Kentucky, Mrs. Wm. G. DePew was elected Central Region Director for the National Home Demonstration Council for a three-year term.

The first Indiana homemaker in the Exchange program was Mrs. Kenneth Scott of Delaware County. She attended the A.C.W.W. meeting in Australia and visited for several weeks in homes there.

Honor came to Indiana when one of three entries in the Essay Contest on "The Role of the Land Grant College or University in Our State During the Past Century" was selected third place winner in national competition. Mrs. Irene Yankauskas, Lake County, received a silver bowl for her entry. A high honor also came to Mrs. Richard Agness, first place winner in the statewide category of the 1962 Carol Lane Awards for Traffic Safety. The I.H.D.A. can well be proud of having sponsored Mrs. Agness of Bunker Hill.

1963 — Mrs. Floyd Tucker (Milly), Hancock County, is the current president. Everything this year is geared around the 50th year and the theme "50 Years of Learning and Service." The commemorative plate is receiving much enthusiasm, and members of the Association are looking forward to having and reading the Golden Anniversary Book. A Poetry Contest on "The Heritage of Home Demonstration Work in Indiana," an Essay Contest on "How Knowledge Has Helped Me To Be a Better Homemaker," and a Song Contest to be based on the meaning expressed by the Home Demonstration Creed are being sponsored by the Association.

A Bird's Eye View of Finance

Report of Secretary-Treasurer, 1915

Received of Mrs. Lewis Taylor

Balance on hand Jan. 1915.....\$29.12

Rec'd for dues during 1915

 convention 39.00

Rec'd for dues since convention 12.25

Total \$80.37

Convention Bills Paid

Printing as per receipted bills	\$ 7.00
Ribbon for badges	3.50
Assoc. share at convention	5.53
Postage mailing convention notice	1.12
Postage mailing convention report	1.87
	\$19.02

Balance \$61.35

Paid since Convention

Murphy-Bivens printing report of 2nd Annual Convention	\$ 8.00
Murphy-Bivens for stationery	5.69
Secretatry for postage40
Balance Jan. 10	\$47.26

BUDGET FOR 1938

\$150.00	Two 4-H Educational Trips
40.00	Rural Life Conference
20.00	Mothers' Day Broadcast
18.00	Guests at Luncheon
.75	President's Pin
12.00	Postage (President's, etc.)
20.00	Stenographic help
100.00	25th Anniversary Tea, including album
90.00	Stationery and membership cards
65.00	Postage
5.00	Miscellaneous
\$520.75	Total

BUDGET FOR 1963

\$ 480.00	Two Lella R. Gaddis Scholarships
350.00	Two 4-H Trip Awards
100.00	Natl. Home Demonstration Council Dues
5.00	Indiana Roadside Council dues
400.00	Two Delegates to N.H.D.C. Meeting (this is paid on a sliding scale pro-rated according to mileage. \$400 maximum.)
1000.00	Summer Conference (Golden Anniversary Celebration)
920.00	Executive committee travel expense
300.00	Postage and supplies
50.00	Youthpower Conference
25.00	Indiana Farm City Committee
185.00	Miscellaneous
\$3815.00	Total

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

The Indiana Home Demonstration Association has long been interested in promoting friendship and understanding, and in improving rural conditions, among country women around the world. The Associated Country Women of the World (A.C.W.W.) held their Triennial Conference in Washington, D.C., in 1936, and several Indiana women attended. Since then Indiana has been represented by women attending Triennial meetings in London, England; Copenhagen, Denmark; Toronto, Canada; Edinburgh, Scotland, and Melbourne, Australia. In 1948 the Association affiliated and has since continued membership in A.C.W.W.

In 1939 the Country Women's Council (C.W.C.)



Mrs. Benson McLaughlin, delegate to A.C.W.W. meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland, reporting on a group discussion on "Furthering Friendships and Understanding Through Agriculture and Horticulture." The presiding officer is Madam De Mel of Ceylon, International Vice-president.

was formed. This Council is a liaison group composed of state and national organizations (as well as local groups) in the United States who are members and interested in the Associated Country Women of the World. The Indiana Home Demonstration Association has maintained membership in this group and sends a voting delegate to their annual meetings. In 1942 Indiana Home Demonstration Clubs began the voluntary giving of "Pennies for Friendship" to support the work of the A.C.W.W. and C.W.C. Mrs. Raymond Sayre, of Iowa, then A.C.W.W. President, was speaker at the annual conference at Purdue in June 1951. She literally took our members on a magic flying carpet around the world to visit member countries.

For several years the state Association has sent contributions to the Peace Gardens — an International project between Canada and the United States.

The Brazilian working Scholarship project was started in 1955. Each year \$300 has been sent to the School of Home Economics at Minas Gerais, Brazil, South America, to encourage the beginning of Home Economics education there. In 1963 a new project is being set up to provide additional educational funds.

The Indiana Home Demonstration Association has contributed to Ceylon Project, Unesco Gift Coupons, and has suggested that counties participate in International Projects. Many counties do contribute to the above projects as well as IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange), Friendship Parcels, Yardage for Greece, and UNICEF. Counties also sponsor International Days and programs, Letter Friends, Programme Exchanges, etc.

Twenty-five copies of the U.S. Study Folder were sent with Home Agent Miss Marjorie McKinney to the International Fair in Egypt in 1961. Another 25 copies were sent with the Homemaker Exchangee, Rosanna Scott, to Australia in 1962. Many members buy them for gifts to send to other lands.

In 1962 a contribution was made by the State Association to the Lady Aberdeen Scholarship Fund of A.C.W.W. This fund is promoted as part of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign of the United Nations. Capable young women from underprivi-



Miss Anita Dickson, 7th from right on front row, Indiana Extension Supervisor, and Dr. Batie White, 2nd from left, front row, also of Purdue, with Brazilian home economists who studied at the University of Minas Gerais, Brazil, where Purdue staff members helped initiate the first School of Home Economics on a college level.

eged countries use this fund to obtain education in Foods, Nutrition, Health, Sanitation, etc. They then return to their native country to help educate others.



Mrs. Kenneth Scott (right), Hoosier Homemaker to Australia, studies a globe of the world with Miss Eva Goble, State Leader.

There was a definite feeling among Indiana Home Demonstration state officers and members that a better understanding and closer bonds of friendship among homemakers of Indiana and other countries could be established by more person to person sharing. Thus was born the idea of a Homemaker Exchange Program. After much discussion and planning at State and District meetings during 1958 and 1959, an International Fund was created. Voluntary contributions by members of all the clubs were to go into this fund starting in 1960. The fund would then be divided each year in three ways: 1/3 for Pennies for Friendship, 1/3 for Homemaker Exchange Project, and 1/3 for other International projects (such as dues to A.C.W.W. and C.W.C., delegate expenses to conferences of international organizations, Brazilian Scholarships, Peace Gardens, etc.)

In 1962, the first Hoosier Homemaker Exchangee was selected and sent to the A.C.W.W. Triennial Conference in Melbourne, Australia. The Conference lasted 12 days and our representative then visited in homes in Victoria, South Australia, and New South Wales for four weeks. During 1963 she will be sharing her experiences with county, district and state groups of Home Demonstration members throughout Indiana. This should result in more interest for our International program and a wider concern for people of other lands.

LEARNING THEN . . .



Left to right: Alta Gaiser, Grace Yancey, Miss Lella R. Gaddis of Purdue, Georgie Carson Morehead, Esther Fritz Lawther, Winifred Carson Margroff, Anna Riebeling Doversberger, Maude Fritz Sandmann, Eula Kinder McGuire, at the home of Jefferson Fritz, August 1915. This group held monthly meetings through the summer, and Miss Gaddis directed the activities at each meeting.



A class of home project leaders, Johnson County, in the public library at Franklin, learning from Miss Nellie Flanningham of Purdue how to design and make hats. These 18 ladies returned to their home communities and instructed others. After one of these meetings of the 1924 season, a local dealer reported that he had sold 300 hat frames in a few days.

LEARNING THEN . . .



Home Economics Project Lesson in DeKalb County, 1925



Miss Blanche Zaring, of Purdue University Home Economics Extension Department, demonstrating draperies for Delaware County Home Economics project leaders, Muncie, Indiana, May 31, 1929.

LESSONS NOW . . .



Efficiency, adequacy and availability of storage interest today's homemaker, and Miss Ruth Hutcheson, Housing specialist at Purdue, evaluates the latest designs and methods with the leaders of Vigo County.



Weight control classes help the individual to eliminate guesswork and fad dieting from this vital problem. Members of a Lawrence County committee met in August 1962 to plan for these classes. Seated is Mrs. Vestal Capshaw, Bedford, president of the Home Demonstration club. Standing are Mrs. Dean Newland, chairman of the committee, Mrs. Dorothy O'Bryan, County nurse, and Mrs. Joe Brinegar, county publicity chairman.

LESSONS NOW . . .



Before commercial patterns became so accurate, the dress form was a practical fitting aid. A special gauze vest was worn, and 2-inch sticky tape was crossed and re-crossed around the body. Then the form was split down the center to remove it and was taped together again. An early leader said, "This all took several hours and was very tiring. Sometimes a lady fainted."



"Wash days" have multiplied along with laundering appliances and supplies. Here, Miss Elkin Minter, Home Management specialist at Purdue, helps leaders solve laundering problems in Vigo County.

LESSONS NOW . . .



"How to Deal with Stress and Tensions," is the lesson planned for Lawrence county. Dr. Dorothy Mummery, Family Life specialist, Purdue University, is shown here with Mrs. Calvin Craig, leader, left, and Mrs. Joe Brinegar, county publicity chairman.



How many have learned the "wonderful ways" of Hoosier barbecued chicken, as these ladies from Spencer County are doing? How many more have sampled it?

WE BELIEVE

. . . in the divine joy of living and helping others

While the real purpose of Home Demonstration Clubs is learning, women need to serve. They need to give of their talents and their money. They study their community's needs and give of their money to many worthwhile things, such a Television to a County Home. They study their county's history and work up and present a pageant. They also . . .



GO TO CAMP. Women's Camp, Versailles, Indiana.



WRITE "POETRY." Shown with their prize, a big box of marshmallows, are Mrs. Burl Matney of New Salem, Mrs. Anna Gee Studebaker of Delphi and Mrs. Minnie Higbee of Rising Sun. Their poem was the best of 250 entered at the "Meet Each Other" banquet during an Agricultural Conference program.



TEACH KNITTING. Mrs. Willis Wiley and Mrs. Horace Jones, assisted by Mrs. Ford Kilgore, Monroe County Extension Agent.



Television set given to a County Home by Posey County Home Demonstration Clubs, 1955.



"The Homemaker of the Wabash," pageant given by St. Joseph County Home Demonstration Chorus. Seated are Mrs. Arthur Schwenk and Mrs. Henry Ferro. Standing are Mrs. Fred Sendlinger, Jr., director, Mrs. Noble Dunnuck, Mrs. Fred Tam, Mrs. Donald Ford, and narrators, Mrs. Kermit Anderson and Mrs. Joseph Sills.



Left to right: Mrs. J. M. Chizum; Miss Aneta Beadle, Sec'y-Treas.; Mrs. J. E. Baer, president 1931; Mrs. McKinley Vance, president 1932; Mrs. Floyd Gross, president 1933; Mrs. E. W. Busche; Mrs. Walter Mendenhall.



Left to right: Mrs. H. S. K. Bartholomew, president 1935; Mrs. O. L. McCay, president 1936; Miss Aneta Beadle, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Fred Herrick, president 1934; Mrs. Floyd Gross, president 1933.



Left to right: Mrs. G. H. Brown, president 1940; Mrs. Page Bronnenberg, president 1941; Mrs. William Bach, president 1939; Mrs. Katherine Crone, president 1942; Miss Lella Gaddis, Purdue University, elected to the new office of Honorary President, 1940.



Front row, left to right: Mrs. G. E. Bausman, president 1943; Mrs. Roy Latta, president 1944; Miss Freida Stoll, secretary-treasurer, Purdue University; Mrs. Alvin T. Staser, Patoka. Back row, left to right: Mrs. Bert Dimick, president 1945; Mrs. J. Daugherty, Plainville; Mrs. Clark Crone, president 1942; Mrs. Howard Carpenter, Arcadia.



Past Presidents met at the home of Miss Lella Gaddis in 1951. Reading left to right front row: Secy.-Treas. Janalyce Rouls, Mrs. Worley Myers, Mrs Calvin Perdue, Mrs. L. G. Clendenning, Mrs. J. H. Gil-laspy, Mrs. Ray Lambert, Mrs. Orville Miller, Mrs. G. H. Brown, Miss Lella Gaddis, Mrs. L. G. Vannice, Miss Eva Goble, and Mrs. Charles Krise. Back row: Dean Mary L. Matthews, Mrs. G. E. Bausman, Mrs. Aneta Beadle Vogler, Mrs. Harry Stephenson, Mrs. Dan Hey, Miss Fannie Beard, Mrs. George Baldwin, Mrs. Lawrence Foster, Mrs. O. L. McCay, Mrs. Fred Herrick and Mrs. Frank Kirkpatrick.



Installation of the 1952 Executive Committee. Left to right: Miss Janalyce Rouls, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth Pursley, Mrs. Elmer Becker, president 1958; Mrs. John Poland, Mrs. James Potter, president 1954; Mrs. Wayne White, Mrs. Ralph Dunbar, Mrs. Carl Scudder, president 1953; Miss Fannie Beard, president 1951; Mrs Clarence Kimmer, president 1952; Anna Belle Clawson Iddings, former secretary-treasurer.



Mrs. John Curry
President, 1955



Mrs. Nina Diefenbach
President, 1956



Mrs. Victor Fischer
President, 1957



Mrs. Perry Thompson
President, 1959



Mrs. Verna L. Hatch
President, 1923



Grouped around the Seal (painted by Mrs. Emil Liptrap, Benton County) are, left to right: Mrs. James Potter, president 1954, Mrs. Lloyd Cash, president 1962, Mrs. Floyd Tucker, president 1963, and Mrs. William G. DePew, president 1961.

Executive Committee 1963



Executive Committee and advisors taking a break in a board meeting to admire a hat with a "golden feather."

Reading left to right around the table: Mrs. Joseph A bell, Seymour, Bedford District; Mrs. Charles Dudley, North Vernon, Madison District; Mrs. Fred McKinley, Muncie, New Castle District; Mrs. Ralph Bates, New Albany, Vice-President; Mrs. Lloyd Cash, Crawfordsville, immediate Past President; Mrs. Floyd Tucker, Greenfield, President; Mrs. Richard Agness, Bunker Hill, Secretary; Mrs. Myles Stevens, Covington, Lafayette District; Mrs. John Kelly, Fairbanks, Terre Haute District; Mrs. Robert Baumgartner, Tipton, Indianapolis District.

Back row: Miss Eva L. Goble, Purdue, State Leader; Mrs. Herman Small, Velpen, Evansville District; Miss Louise O'Neal, Gibson County, Home Agent; Mrs. Dale Schinbeckler, Kendallville, Fort Wayne District; Miss Janalyce Roulis, Purdue, Executive Secretary; Mrs. Ralph Helt, Rochester, Michigan City District; Mrs. Willis Wiley, Bloomington, Treasurer

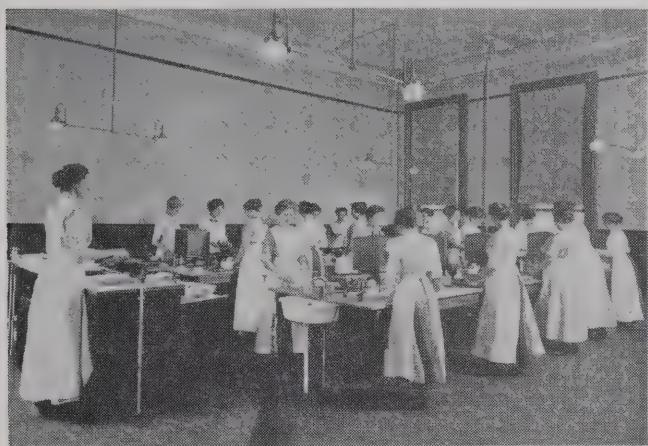
Extension Staff 1963



Extension staff, Purdue University, 1963. Seated, left to right: Miss Marcie Allen, foods and nutrition specialist; Miss Mary Alice Crosson, home economics radio editor; Miss Elkin Minter, home management specialist; Miss Eva L. Goble, assistant director of Extension and State home demonstration agent; Miss Janalynne Roids, supervisor; Miss Anna K. Williams, home management specialist. Standing, left to right: Miss Elizabeth Jane Knapf, supervisor; Miss Rita Cooke, home furnishings specialist; Miss Ruth Hutcheson, housing specialist; Miss Lois Folk, clothing specialist; Miss Anita Dickson, supervisor; Miss V. Ezelle Johnson, home furnishings specialist; Miss Dorothy V. Mummary, family life specialist; Mrs. Martha I. Holst, supervisor. Absent when picture was taken; Miss Miriam Eads, foods and nutrition specialist.

Women Trustees of Purdue

In the fall of 1921, there were 381 women students enrolled at Purdue in a total of 2,938. Earlier that year, the General Assembly of Indiana had passed a bill modifying qualifications for the Board of Trustees of Purdue University to include a woman.



Summer School, 1913, Purdue University

Mrs. Virginia Claypool Meredith, in recognition of outstanding leadership in pioneering Home Economics in Indiana, was appointed by the Governor in 1921 as the first woman member of the Purdue Board of Trustees. Mrs. Meredith was an active member until her death in 1936.

The second woman appointed to the Board of Trustees was *Dr. Kathryn McHale*, a native of Logansport, and a prominent educator and author. She served in this capacity until 1946, when *Mrs. John (Harriet) VanNess* of Valparaiso was appointed. Mrs. VanNess, who was born in Lake County, had received a degree from Purdue University. She was active in educational organizations and women's clubs in the northwestern part of Indiana.

Replacing Mrs. VanNess at the end of her term in 1961, *Mrs. Claude E. (Anna) Crooks* was appointed as the new member of the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Crooks was from Rockville and had attended Indiana State Teachers College. She was prominent in Farm Bureau activities on a local, district and state level and also in Extension work. Mrs. Crooks served as Purdue trustee from 1952 to 1955.

In 1955, *Mrs. Berniece Havens Brayton* (Mrs.

John R.) was appointed as trustee for a four-year term. A native of Flora, she received a degree in Home Economics from Purdue, taught in Indianapolis, was a home demonstration agent in Parke County a short time and a dietitian with the State Board of Health.

Mrs. Aneta Beadle Vogler (Mrs. L. M.) is the current member of the Purdue Board of Trustees. She was graduated from Purdue in home economics with special training in foods and nutrition. After work in dietetics in Indiana, she served several years as an Extension specialist in foods and nutrition, writing leaflets on nutrition and conducting training throughout Indiana in this subject.

The Cooperative Extension Service is in the School of Agriculture at Purdue. Recent Deans of the School of Agriculture are H. J. Reed, 1939-1957, and E. L. Butz, 1957 to present.

Cooperative Extension Leaders in Indiana

G. I. Christie	Superintendent of Extension	1920-1928
J. H. Skinner	Director, Department of Agricultural Extension	1928-1939
L. E. Hoffman	Associate Director and Director Agricultural Extension Service	1939-1962
H. G. Diesslin	Director, Cooperative Extension Service..	1962
Lella R. Gaddis	State Leader of Extension Home Economics and Home Demonstration Agents	1917-1947
Eva L. Goble	State Leader, Extension Home Economics andHome Demonstration Agents	1947-1958
	Assistant Director, Cooperative Extension Service and State Leader, Home Demonstration Agents, Professor of Extension Home Economics	1958-

When the subject matter we know as Home Economics was first being developed, it was organized as a department in the School of Science at Purdue University. In 1926, the Department of Home Eco-

nomics at Purdue was reorganized as a School of Home Economics with Miss Mary L. Matthews as Dean. By the next year the degree of Master of Science in Home Economics was designed for students who elected to carry advanced study in Home Economics. In many areas of specialization programs leading to a degree of Doctor of Philosophy were later developed.

Miss Matthews served as Dean until her retirement in 1952 when Dr. Beulah Gillaspie took over duties as Dean for the next 10 years.

Dr. Gladys E. Vail is now the Dean of the School of Home Economics, which has one of the largest enrollments in the nation. The current enrollment includes more than 800 students.

The School of Home Economics at Purdue offers training in a variety of professional opportunities.

These include Extension and public school teaching, dietetics, nutrition, and training research personnel in the areas of textiles, equipment, and foods. The field of business offers opportunities for trained home economists in utility companies and by food processors in developing recipes and demonstrations. Home economists graduated from Purdue are also employed by retail stores and by companies designing and manufacturing clothing, furniture, household accessories, and equipment. In addition, men and women trained professionally in institutional management are in great demand to manage food for restaurants, hotels, airlines, and catering services. A great demand now is for home economics graduates to serve in foreign service in various capacities. Actually, the Hoosier homemaker may find that her daily life is touched in many ways by graduates from the School of Home Economics at Purdue.

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

As we look ahead in this historic moment we humbly say:

For all our success May God be praised!
For all our failures May God forgive us!
For all the future May God be with us!

Very thoughtfully we remember those who pioneered many years ago building communities for their families. In the center of these communities stood a church which symbolized their faith. Today our communities are rapidly expanding, and our Association plays an important role in an educational program for the homemaker and her family in each community. Our emblem has three words imprinted on it — Home — Family — Community. We, too, have a faith in these words.

To look back through the fifty years of our Indiana Home Demonstration Association, we know that there was a need of homemaking information. The housewife of yesteryear and the homemaker, as we choose to call her, of today is many persons in one. She is nutritionist, nurse, secretary, psychologist, hostess, diplomat, cook and a woman of boundless energy. Yes, there are probably more, but what is important is that we accept these responsibilities as accomplishments. This is part of our educational development.

As homemakers we look to the future with anti-

cipation and enthusiasm. Some of us have young children — others teenagers, college students and grandchildren. We are interested in many activities centered around our homes, churches and communities. As home demonstration club members we are reaping the benefits of those early club members who desired knowledge and laid the groundwork for our Association. Let us not disregard this heritage. Can we do less than enter into the future as club members with this same desire for knowledge?

What will the next fifty years bring? No, I cannot predict this. We do know that our homemaker will desire knowledge in many fields, such as nutrition, child development, education, research, legislation and World Peace. She will want to know how to be a wise shopper, a wise consumer and a wise manager. Each of us, as homemakers, carries the responsibility of adjusting to these changes and the responsibility of "molding" our families for the future. All of this comes through knowledge, education and the ability to apply one's self.

As we look to the future we think of research and how our homes and our lives will be affected.

We know that it will bring to us better homemaking methods, more products and more efficiency in our pattern of living. This means progress, and as homemakers we shall quickly adapt our homemaking skills to meet these changes. Our home demonstration club program, too, will need to adapt to meeting the needs of our homemakers and the challenges of the future.

There is a four-letter word which means to desire or to strive for something higher. The word is HOPE. My sincere wish is that as we think of our theme "50 Years of Learning and Service," I hope we will rededicate ourselves to the purpose of our Association.

"Men build houses and churches with great spires and domes. But the women, God Bless the women, they build the homes."

MILLY TUCKER,
President, 1963

For the past 50 years, the Indiana Home Demonstration Association has been the largest voluntary organization in the state dedicated to the idea of education. In addition, the Association has been the only voluntary non-professional organization dedicated to the total concerns of the family. Some organizations have chosen as their purpose certain aspects of family life, but none accepted a commitment to the idea that whatever has an impact on families is of concern to their members.

In the past, the members of the Association have accepted the idea that improvement of family living through all of the many aspects of services which the homemaker contributed to her family in her various roles of protector, teacher, buyer, manager, cook, cleaner, organizer, leader, and counsellor was made possible by increasing the knowledge and motivation for its application by the members.

The reports of the success of this method are legion. Women have reported learning knowledge about management, group behavior, food, furnishings, clothing, housing, as well as manual skills. Insights have been acquired about human development, relationships and public affairs. The organization has been a ladder to leadership and personal development which has enriched homes and communities. Yet, this is not enough.

In the decades ahead the Association will face a challenge of a broader nature than that which was met with such dedication in earlier years. This challenge will be whether it can organize its resources to help all families in the community or county. In a society which has many elements of instability, the Association must be geared to concern for any family who, through misfortune or misdirection, asks a strange world:

"Who cares about us?"

Although pity has a human face and mercy a human heart, the concern of the future must be met with an open mind committed to a belief that problems can be solved and knowledge is an incomparable resource in reaching a solution. The real problems of families cannot be resolved by opinion, by old adages, or by overlooking them. Each problem must be examined carefully, knowledge must be marshalled in such ways that doors of solutions are opened through learning by all of the people engaged in the effort.

The challenges of the next era will be presented in many forms. In some counties, the major problem will be economic development; in some, it will be getting young families assimilated into the community and teaching them sources of knowledge. Care of the aging will be of significance to some; contact with the moving or mobile family will be of prime importance to some communities; improving community institutions for youth needs consideration by some counties. The number of such problems indicate the need for the Association to urge its members to devote themselves to local study to determine program. The size of the problems transmits a clear call for cooperation with other organizations because such needs require the efforts of many groups. But steadfast throughout, the reply of the leadership of the Association to the question, "Who cares about us?" will be, "We do." This reply will be reaffirmed by members in neighborly visits, in local councils, in governmental units, and in legislative halls, for caring about the well-being of families is the mission of the Indiana Home Demonstration Association.

EVA L. GOBLE
Assistant Director, Cooperative Extension Service

COUNTY DATA

Because people are more to history than events and results, let us pause to reflect a few moments and read a few lines on the true significance of this occasion. For fifty years, thousands of women have been contributing their time and effort toward building our program into the successful state organization it is today.

It is doubtful that many of these women ever thought their work would one day be formally recognized by the general membership. However, in the next few pages we will attempt to recognize a few of them. There may be mistakes in spelling and listing. All persons who have served as elected state officers also served on numerous state committees. Some women appointed to state committees served more than one time or on more than one committee. Some, for one reason or another, could not serve and someone else served in their place. Many counties did not include all persons whose names should

be here. Therefore, the list is far from accurate, but it is the best we could do with the data we had.

We would have liked to include all of the Home Demonstration Agents who have served during the years. Maybe someday we can have a book on them and their organization. Our special gratitude goes to the secretaries in the county Extension offices, and the State office. In many instances, probably most, they have been the unsung heroes. Also thanks to John C. Allen for many pictures.

Following the county data are excerpts from histories sent in by many of the counties. These have been selected with the idea that what each county had written was repeated in one way or another by the majority of the others — and could have taken place in each one.

In the tables, asterisks (*) before county names indicate organization by 1913; asterisks before club names indicate the clubs still organized today.

1. BEDFORD DISTRICT

County	1962 Clubs	Mem- bers	Year Orga-nized	Name	State Officer	State Committee
BROWN	12	250	1924	Auld Nabors Johnson Twp.		Mrs. Elizabeth Swearingen
CRAWFORD	20	310	1916	†English		Mrs. Irvin Fahr Mrs. G. L. Kehrer, Sr. Mrs. Hiram Snyder
DAVIESS	45	850	1924	Washington Twp.	Mrs. McKinley Vance v. pres. & pres. 1931-32 exec. comm. 1930 & 1933 Mrs. J. C. Dougherty exec. comm. 1941-42 Mrs. Theodore Young exec. comm. 1954-55	Mrs. Fred Marks Mrs. Clay Young Mrs. John Carroll Mrs. Donald Foust Mrs. Walter KcKee
HARRISON	18	375	1914	†Mauckport Class	Mrs. Robert Trumper exec. comm. 1958-59	
JACKSON	39	690	1926	†Wegan Wide Awake †Seymour Rural †Medora †Reddington	Mrs. Harry Winklepleck exec. comm. 1939 Mrs. J. H. Gillaspy v. pres. & pres. 1949-50 exec. comm. 1947-48 Mrs. W. H. Carter exec. comm. 1960 Mrs. Joseph Abell exec. comm. 1961-63	Mrs. Robert Mills Mrs. Vernal Winklepleck Mrs. Albert Pfaffenberger Mrs. Victor Hallow Mrs. Earl Kline Mrs. George Gates
*LAWRENCE	32	665	1913	†Heltonville	Mrs. W. C. Roberts v. pres. & pres. 1926-27 exec. comm. 1925 Mrs. Oren Wilcox exec. comm. 1950-51	Mrs. Charles Lambrecht Mrs. Ralph Mickels
MARTIN	17	340	1930	Willow Valley †Take a Day Off †Hindostan †Burns City		Lina Osborn Mrs. Rufus Thrash Mrs. Wm. Souerdike
MONROE	39	748	1928	†Homemakers	Mrs. Harry Stevenson v. pres. & pres. 1927-28 Mrs. Dewey Hudson exec. comm. 1937 Mrs. Ralph Dunbar exec. comm. 1952-53 Mrs. Willis Wiley Treasurer 1962-63	Mrs. James Rolfe Mrs. Frank Fleming Mrs. Theodore Ellis
ORANGE	27	500	1919	†Paoli	Mrs. Mearl Gresham exec. comm. 1956-57	Mrs. Paul Myers Mrs. Azro Moss
*WASHINGTON	29	760	1911	Salem Class	Mrs. Charles Lindley exec. comm. 1921	Mrs. Roy Hughes Mrs. Jason Graves Mrs. Charles Bush Mrs. James Summers, Jr. Mrs. H. H. Crim

2. EVANSVILLE DISTRICT

County	1962 Clubs	Mem- bers	Year Orga-nized	Name	State Officer	State Committee
DUBOIS	20	725	1915	†Madison Twp.	Mrs. Ross Stewart exec. comm. 1937 Mrs. Herman Small exec. comm. 1962-63	Mrs. Julius Partenheimer Mrs. Carl Cox Mrs. Frank Schoering Mrs. Ira Blesch

GIBSON	42	800	1919	†Walnut Grove †Mackey Community	Mrs. Ernest Bryant Mrs. Frank Dillon Mrs. Ray Hoffman Mrs. Ross McEllhiney
KNOX	27	600	1924	†Palmyra, †Steen †Harrison, †Vigo #1, exec. comm. 1956-57 †Johnson, †Widner, †and Vincennes #2	Mrs. Sylvan Allegree Mrs. Clarence McCormick Mrs. Charles Devine Mrs. Sam Taylor
*PERRY	16	261	1912 1913	†Tobinsport †Tell City	Mrs. H. M. Robertson exec. comm. 1958-59
PIKE	16	323	1916	Salem †Union, †Cato, †and Otwell	Mrs. Samson Alexander exec. comm. 1946-47 Mrs. Paul Phillips exec. comm. 1952-53
POSEY	25	500	1918	†Black Twp. Community club	Mrs. Norman Knapp exec. comm. 1948-49
Mrs. Oscar Lane Mrs. Albert Noelle Mrs. Edward Hein					
*SPENCER	29	590	1912	†Chrisney	Mrs. John S. Pattie exec. comm. 1922-23
Mrs. Edward Clark Mrs. Vesta Oskins Mrs. Andy Erwin					
VANDERBURGH	69	1200	1915	†Knight Twp. †Highland †Union Twp.	Mrs. Alvin Staser exec. comm. 1942-43 Mrs. Robert Towey exec. comm. 1950-51 Mrs. Victor J. Fischer v. pres. & pres. 1956-57 exec. comm. 1954-55 Mrs. Clyde Robinson exec. comm. 1960-61
Mrs. Foster Watson Mrs. Paul Humphrey Mrs. Charles Arendt Mrs. Carl Barber Mrs. Russell Leonard Mrs. Charles Schaffer Mrs. Robert Jones Mrs. Glen Ogle Mrs. John Doss					
WARRICK	43	775	1935	19 clubs organ. †11	Mrs. Lewis Taylor sec'y-treas. 1913- Effie Jemer exec. comm. 1919
Mrs. Wilford Espenlaub Mrs. Norman Miles Mrs. Oscar Raibley Mrs. Pete Merry Mrs. Clinton LeGrande, Jr.					

3. FORT WAYNE DISTRICT

County	1962 Clubs	Mem- bers	Year Orga- nized	Name	State Officer	State Committee
ADAMS	25	650	1919	†Root Twp.	Mrs. E. W. Busche exec. comm. 1932 Mrs. Albert Beineke exec. comm. 1955-56 Mrs. Theron Fenstermaker secretary 1960	Mrs. Noah Habegger
ALLEN	115	2500	1916	†The Country Club (Springfield Twp.)	Mrs. Verna Hatch v. pres. & pres. 1922-23 Mrs. Elmer Becker v. pres. & pres. 1957-58 exec. comm. 1951-52 Mrs. J. H. Sauder exec. comm. 1957-58	Mrs. Wm. McGill Mrs. Lee Crowell Mrs. Eric Scott Mrs. Joy Gould Mrs. Chan S. Ray Mrs. George Bessmer
DEKALB	39	847	1920	†Spencer Twp. †Franklin Twp.	Mrs. Stella Goldsmith exec. comm. 1925 & 29 & Mrs. Sadie Krise v. pres. & pres. 1946-47 exec. comm. 1944-45 & 48 Mrs. Grace Laub exec. comm. 1953-54	Mrs. Raymond Dunn 40 Mrs. Ada Farrington Mrs. Alma Diehl

*ELKHART	46	1040	1909	†Elkhart Rural	Mrs. Ada Page exec. comm. 1919 Mrs. R. M. Brown exec. comm. 1929 Mrs. H. S. K. Bartholomew v. pres. & pres. 1934-35 exec. comm. 1936	Mrs. Robert Cline Mrs. Harold Moneyheffer Mrs. Ernest Richards Mrs. Lawrence Blosser Mrs. Marie BeMiller
HUNTINGTON	30	1000	1921	†Clear Creek Twp. †Wayne Twp. †Polk Twp. †Lancaster Twp.		Mrs. Frances Heaton Mrs. Kenneth Trout Mrs. Herman Favorite Mrs. Chester Kaylor
KOSCIUSKO	70	1475	1919	†Purdue Home Ec. †Tippecanoe Twp. †Seward Twp.	Mrs. J. E. Baer v. pres. & pres. 1930-31 Mrs. Carlton Jones exec. comm. 1947-48 Mrs. Gordon Brubaker exec. comm. 1959-60	Mrs. Kip Sullivan Mrs. Raymond Helser Mrs. Alice Jones
LaGRANGE	21	400	1922	†Greenfield Twp.		Mrs. Lystron Sturgis Mrs. Elza Kell
NOBLE	30	775	1919	†Noble Twp. †Washington Twp.	Mrs. Dale Schinbeckler exec. comm. 1963-64	Mrs. Helen Baker
STEUBEN	18	500	1921	†Hamilton †Salem	Mrs. Carl Tuttle exec. comm. 1928 Mrs. Lester Girton exec. comm. 1961-62	Mrs. Charles Skove Mrs. Ruby Hershey
WABASH	32	735	1915	†Waltz Twp.		Mrs. Russell Snapp Mrs. Sherman Emrick
WELLS	37	950	1914	†Neighborhood	Mrs. Clarence Kimmer v. pres. & pres. 1951-52 exec. comm. 1949-50	Mrs. Max Bayless Mrs. Lenora Lipkey Mrs. Lloyd Speheger Mrs. Ernest Shoemaker Mrs. Lawrence Schlagenhauf
WHITLEY	24	700	1924	†one in each township		Mrs. Ralph Bennett Mrs. Walter Mawrey Mrs. Robert Pontzius

4. INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT

County	1962 Mem- Clubs bers	Year Orga- nized	Name	State Officer	State Committee	
BARTHLOMEW	58	1068	1925	†South Wayne	Mrs. Russell Peel exec. comm. 1935 Mrs. Will Roth exec. comm. 1939 Mrs. J. Perry Thompson v. pres. & pres. 1958-59 exec. comm. 1956-57	Mrs. Marshall Vogler Mrs. Nathan Newson Mrs. Estol Dickey Mrs. Harlan Ahlbrand Mrs. Floyd Sanders Mrs. A. V. Keesling
BOONE	35	700	1936	†one club in each 12 townships	Mrs. C. C. Madison exec. comm. 1944-45 Mrs. Wendel Morton exec. comm. 1949-50	Mrs Wm. DeLong Mrs. Paul Lane
DECATUR	55	892	1930	†Adams Twp.	Mrs. Albert Crump exec. comm. 1944-45 Mrs. Earl Pohlman exec. comm. 1954-55	Mrs. James Lawson Mrs. E. W. Dieselberg Mrs. Wm. Galloway Mrs. Thomas Rogers
HAMILTON	39	772	1927	†East Wayne	Mrs. Howard Carpenter exec. comm. 1942-43 Mrs. Lester Nance exec. comm. 1947-48 Mrs. B. F. McLaughlin exec. comm. 1958-59	Mrs. Edgar Lees Mrs. B. F. Talbott

HANCOCK	32	834	1922	†Brandywine †East Vernon McCordsville	Mrs. Floyd Tucker v. pres. & pres. 1962-63 exec. comm. 1960-61	Mrs. Charles Kottlowski Mrs. Elbert Griffith Mrs. Chalmer Swarts Mrs. Sylvia Scott
HENDRICKS	39	975	1914	†Sugar Grove	Mrs. L. G. Vannice pres. 1922	Mrs. Scott Hosier Mrs. Maurice Newby Mrs. Dennis Grounds Mrs. Edward Garrett Mrs. Wm. Truax Mrs. Walter Hadley Mrs. Ruth Bailey Mrs. Allen
JOHNSON	42	1000	1914	†Franklin †Clark	Mrs. Howard J. Canary exec. comm. 1938	Mrs. Frank Thomas Mrs. Lester Wirey
MARION	124	2000	1929	†Southeastern Homemakers	—	Mrs. Frank L. Churchman Mrs. Ralph Urbain Mrs. George Norman
*MORGAN	26	575	1912	†Paragon	Mrs. Roldo H. Michael exec. comm. 1945-46	Mrs. Albert Kent Mrs. Walter Schenck Mrs. Harold Rogers Mrs. Dewey Goss Mrs. Grafton Kiwett
SHELBY	47	925	1923	†Moral Twp. †Noble Twp.	Mrs. Calvin Perdue v. pres. & pres. 1928-29 Mrs. Dan Hey v. pres. & pres. 1937-38 exec. comm. 1930 & 1939 Mrs. Frank Cortelyou exec. comm. 1948-49	Mrs. Louis Coers Mrs. Dennis Wicker Mrs. Ed Huffman
*TIPTON	25	509	1910	†Tipton Co. Home	Ec. Mrs. Carl Scudder v. pres. & pres. 1952-53 exec. comm. 1950-51 Mrs. Harold Johnson secretary 1961 Mrs. Robert Baumgartner exec. comm. 1962-63	Mrs. Robert Jarrett Mrs. Sherman Bolinger Mrs. Ned Kemper Mrs. Dora Legg

5. LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

County	1962 Mem- Club bers	Year Orga- nized	Name	State Officer	State Committee	
BENTON	24	525	1923	†Gilboa Twp. †Oak Grove †Richland †York	Mrs. James Potter v. pres. & pres. 1953-54 exec. comm. 1951-52 NHDC Central Dir. 1957-59	Mrs. Ermal Liptrap Mrs. Wm. Harrington Mrs. John Stoner Mrs. H. C. Atkinson
CARROLL	24	784	1920	†Deer Creek Twp.		Mrs. Vernie Stevens Mrs. Joseph Peterson Mrs. Burton Honan Miss Frieda Burgitt
CASS	31	1005	1919	†Deer Creek #1	Miss Florence Little exec. comm. 1918 & 1926-27 Mrs. Fred Herrick v. pres. & pres. 1933-34 exec. comm. 1935 Mrs. Charles Coleman exec. comm. 1936	Mrs. Raymond Reed Mrs. Dudley Bridge Miss. Bertha Cook Mrs. John Justice
CLINTON	22	700	1921	†Owen Twp.	Mrs. Frank Kirkpatrick v. pres. & pres. 1929-30 exec. comm. 1928 Mrs. L. G. Clendenning v. pres. & pres. 1936-37 exec. comm. 1938 Mrs. Easdale Pickett v. pres. 1947 exec. comm. 1943-44	Mrs. Willard Perrell Mrs. Paul Larson Mrs. Lloyd Davis

FOUNTAIN	23	536	1920	†Wabash †Fulton	Mrs. Myles B. Stevens exec. comm. 1963-64	Mrs. Mary E. Kerr Mrs. John Crowder Mrs. Lyle J. Smith Mrs. James Robinson
HOWARD	32	774	1923	†Union Twp.		Mrs. Herschel Jacobs Mrs. Ernest Fernung Mrs. Frank Turner
*JASPER	31	600	1911	Domestic	Mrs. Floyd Amsler exec. comm. 1955-56	Mrs. Albert Bowers Mrs. Bert Lashbrook
MIAMI	27	629	1921	†Richland Better Homes †Butler Happy Homemakers †Washington Worthwhile	Mrs. Roy Edwards exc. comm. 1933 Mrs. Harold Burrous exc. comm. 1953-54 Mrs. Richard Agness exec. comm. 1961-62 secretary 1963	Mrs. D. C. Keim Mrs. Frank Stoner
*MONTGOMERY	57	1127	1908	†Crawfordsville	Mrs. Lawrence Foster v. pres. & pres. 1919-20 exec. comm. 1918 Mrs. Morton Fordice pres. 1921 exec. comm. 1918 Mrs. Worley Myers v. pres. & pres. 1945-46 exec. comm. 1943-44 & 1947 Mrs. Lloyd Cash v. pres. & pres. 1961-62 exec. comm. 1959-60	Mrs. Asher Proffit Mrs. C. N. Dykes Mrs. Sherman Trout Mrs. Etta Guilliam Mrs. Robert McClamrock Mrs. Kenneth Davisson
NEWTON	16	367	1925	†Washington †Northeast †Northwest	Mrs. J. M. Chizum exec. comm. 1931	Mrs. Robinson
*TIPPECANOE	32	1291	1913	†Jackson	Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith pres. 1913-1916 Dean Mary L. Matthews pres. 1917-1919 Mrs. Charles Sewell exec. comm. 1918 & 1920 Mrs. Elmer Waters v. pres. & pres. 1923-24 Mrs. R. D. Canan v. pres. & pres. 1924-25 exec. comm. 1922-23 Mrs. Rainey McCoy v. pres. & pres. 1925-26 exec. comm. 1924 Mrs. O. L. McCay v. pres. & pres. 1935-36 exec. comm. 1934 & 1937 Mrs. G. E. Bausman v. pres. & pres. 1942-43 exec. comm. 1941 & 1944 NHDC Central Dir. 1948-50	Mrs. Burford Joseph Mrs. Norbert Brown, Jr. Mrs. Lionel L. Richeson Mrs. Amil Matthew Mrs. E. T. Fitzgerald Mrs. Willard Gentry Mrs. Cecil Cohee Mrs. O. A. Scipio Mrs. J. H. Baker Mrs. Mitchell Mrs. Charles Stuart Mrs. Alexander Mrs. A. S. Sheridan
WARREN	18	400	1915	†Adams Twp.	Mrs. Clark Crone v. pres. & pres. 1941-42 exec. comm. 1940 & 1943 Mrs. Cash Clawson exec. comm. 1957-58	Mrs. Joe Pugh Mrs. Robert Haniford
WHITE	24	525	1918	†Big Creek	Mrs. M. S. Gardener exec. comm. 1919 Mrs. Virgil Huey exec. comm. 1924 & 1938	Mrs. Eugene Anderson Mrs. LaMar Parrish Mrs. Raymond Englert Mrs. Kate Hair

6. MADISON DISTRICT

County	1962 Clubs	Mem- bers	Year Orga- nized	Name	State Officer	State Committee
*CLARK	26	475	1907 1915	†Henryville †Bethlehem	Mrs. Ralph Diefenbach v. pres. & pres. 1955-56 exec. comm. 1951-52 Mrs. Frank Fisher exec. comm. 1955-56	Mrs. Ralph Ackerman Mrs. Paul Smith Mrs. H. A. Stevens
DEARBORN	27	500	1923	†Hogan Twp. †Washington Twp. †Center Twp.	Mrs. James Glardon exec. comm. 1953 & 1957	Mrs. Elizabeth Elbrecht Miss Mildred Gausman Mrs. Gladys Heller Mrs. Ernest Luhresen
FLOYD	28	350	1928	†Mt. Tabor †Galena	Mrs. Ralph Bates v. pres. 1963 exec. comm. 1958 & 1961-62	Mrs. John Flispart Mrs. Edison Trevarthon Mrs. John Riley Mrs. Oscar Graf
*FRANKLIN	17	300	1913	†White Plains		Mrs. George Wilson Mrs. Perry Seal
JEFFERSON	27	510	1922	†Saluda	Mrs. Charles Rogers exec. comm. 1959-60	Mrs. John Glore Mrs. Frank Riley Mrs. Bertha Cochran Mrs. Connor Salm
JENNINGS	17	290	1929	†Butlerville	Mrs. Charles Dudley exec. comm. 1963-64	Mrs. Denver Baldwin Mrs. Lula Martin Mrs. Cloyce Moir
OHIO	5	85	1923	†Extension Club (LaGrange)		Mrs. Rolla Weaver Mrs. Roy Elliott
RIPLEY	33	588	1923	†Helping Hand †Stitch & Chatter †Restful Hour	Mrs. Charles Jackson exec. comm. 1949-50	Mrs. R. C. McCoy Mrs. Luther Gay Mrs. Ervin Fruchtnicht Mrs. Leslie Miles
SCOTT	12	280	1923	†Leota	Mrs. John McCulloch exec. comm. 1938 Mrs. Delia Everhart exec. comm. 1954	Mrs. Leroy Burns
SWITZERLAND	15	272	1920	†Vevay		Mrs. Carrol Detmer

7. MICHIGAN CITY DISTRICT

County	1962 Clubs	Mem- bers	Year Orga- nized	Name	State Officer	State Committee
FULTON	28	571	1917	†Mt. Zion	Mrs. Ralph Helt exec. comm. 1963-64	Mrs. Carl Herrold Mrs. D. G. Dudgeon Mrs. Everett Best
LAKE	53	931	1918	†West Creek	Mrs. William Bach v. pres. & pres. 1938-39 exec. comm. 1937 & 1940 Mrs. William DePew v. pres. & pres. 1960-61 exec. comm. 1958-59 NHDC Central Dir. 1963-65	Mrs. Benjamin Kell Mrs. Howard Beach Mrs. Carl Pettit Mrs. George Bock Mrs. Albert Quivey
LAPORTE	40	885	1925	†Acorn Community †Galena East †Coolspring †Springfield †New Durham †Hanna Twp.	Mrs. Walter Reed exec. comm. 1950-51	Mrs. Harold Hicks Mrs. Wilbur Schiele Mrs. Howard Shead Mrs. Herbert Downing Mrs. Anthony Faikes

*MARSHAL	28	650	1903 1905	†Plymouth †Yellowstone	Mrs. Guy B. Davis exec. comm. 1954-55	Mrs. Irving Snyder Mrs. Devon Thomas Mrs. Clyde Vance Mrs. Charles L. Smith
PORTER	32	570	1920	†Liberty Ladies	Mrs. C. M. Remster exec. comm. 1948-49 Mrs. John Poland exec. comm. 1952-53	Mrs. Maurice Sampson Mrs. Edwin Bluhm
PULASKI	27	535	1915	†Monroe 1 †Van Buren Sr.	Mrs. Charles Ginther exec. comm. 1945-46 Mrs. R. R. Shaw exec. comm. 1956-57 & 60 Mrs. O. H. White exec. comm. 1961-62	Mrs. Robert Lizenby Mrs. Neal Hiatt
ST. JOSEPH	39	813	1915	†Willow Creek		Mrs. John Livesberger Mrs. Ruth Anderson Mrs. Julius Blondia Mrs. August Monhout Mrs. Charles Wilmer
STARKE	17	282	1918	†Oregon Twp. Bass Lake		Mrs. Clarence Swanson Mrs. J. Protsman Mrs. E. Schwart Mrs. Henry Ihde

8. NEW CASTLE DISTRICT

County	1962 Mem- bers	Year Orga- nized	Name	State Officer	State Committee
BLACKFORD	23	480	1926 †Roll Club (Royal Blue and Progressive) †Get-to-gether †Mt. Carmel	Mrs. William Wingate exec. comm. 1940-41	Mrs. Everett Whetsel Mrs. Forrest Thomas
DELAWARE	81	1950	1918 †Perry Community †Community Women †Progress Comm. †Harrison Twp. †Hamilton Twp.	Mrs. Flora Meeks v. pres. 1918 Mrs. Ray Lambert v. pres. & pres. 1948-49 exec. comm. 1946-47 Mrs. Kenneth Scott v. pres. & pres. 1959-60 exec. comm. 1957-58 Mrs. Fred McKinley secretary 1962 exec. comm. 1963-64	Mrs. Cecil Madill Mrs. Homer Holloway Mrs. Harry Friddle Mrs. Hobart Lacey
FAYETTE	18	350	1921 †Waterloo	Mrs. Charles Sloneker exec. comm. 1941-42	Mrs. Carl Simpson Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl (Mrs. Meredith's sister)
GRANT	39	900	1916 †Franklin Twp.	Mrs. Walter Mendenhall exec. comm. 1932 Mrs. E. C. Adams exec. comm. 1940 Mrs. Bert Dimmick v. pres. & pres. 1944-45 exec. comm. 1937, 42-43 Mrs. W. S. Woodmansee exec. comm. 1959-60	Mrs. Edwin Graham Mrs. Elmer Turner
HENRY	46	802	1914 †Sugar Grove (Community)		Mrs. Harold Williams Mrs. Russell Cronk Mrs. Norman Brown
JAY	22	475	1923 †Pike Twp.		Mrs. Orlo Longerbone Mrs. Leroy Gierhart Mrs. Fred Bowen Mrs. J. W. Whitenach Mrs. Glen Shade Mrs. John Weisel

MADISON	77	1430	1932	Golden Hours	Mrs. Page Bronnenberg v. pres. & pres. 1940-41 exec. comm. 1939 & 1942 Mrs. Herschel Whistler exec. comm. 1953-54 Mrs. Earl Eggman exec. comm. 1961-62	Mrs. Mary Burris Mrs. R. O. Woodruff Mrs. Earl Baker
*RANDOLPH	36	900	1913	†Sugar Creek	Mrs. Flora Meeks v. pres. 1913 Mrs. Ernest Thornburg exec. comm. 1920 Mrs. G. H. Brown v. pres. & pres. 1939-40 exec. comm. 1938 & 1941 Mrs. Kenneth Pursley exec. comm. 1950-51-52	Mrs. Raymond Sharp Mrs. Richard Kolp Mrs. Eugene Sickels Mrs. Virgil Losh Mrs. Stanley Hunter
RUSH	18	529	1925	†Get-to-gether Union Twp.	Mrs. Wayne White exec. comm. 1952-53	Mrs. H. D. VanMatre Mrs. Wayne Logan Mrs. Virgil Root
UNION	12	250	1936	†Harrison Homemakers	Mrs. Horance LaMar exec. comm. 1920 Mrs. Roy D. Stevens exec. comm. 1941	Mrs. J. W. McMahan Mrs. Abbie Martin Mrs. Harold Coffman Mrs. Richard Stevens Mrs. Russell Cox
WAYNE	49	1050	1916	Help One Another	Mrs. Floyd Gross v. pres. & pres 1932-33 exec. comm. 1931 & 1934 Mrs. Walter Cain exec. comm. 1955-56 treasurer 1960-61	Mrs. Ralph Gardner Mrs. Richard Stephenson

9. TERRE HAUTE DISTRICT

County	1962 Mem- Clubs	Year Orga- nized	Name	State Officer	State Committee
CLAY	41	800	1914 †Shakamak	Mrs. Roy Latta v. pres. & pres. 1943-44 exec. comm. 1941-42 & 45 Mrs. Lewis Berry exec. comm. 1952-53 Mrs. Wesley Horton exec. comm. 1960-61	Mrs. Rosemary Killion Mrs. Dean Ratcliff Mrs. Hollis Smith Mrs. Ruth Long
GREENE	31	570	1915 Stitch & Chatter		Mrs. Henry Fisher Mrs. Owen York Mrs. Scott Newkirk
OWEN	18	295	1922 †Modern Homemakers †Jefferson Twp.		Mrs. Robert Baumgartner Mrs. Ralph Poulton
PARKE	25	600	1921 †New Discovery †New Bethel †Green Twp.	Mrs. Russell Miller exec. comm. 1958-59	Mrs. Harris Harmless Mrs. Donald Stutler Mrs. Hortence Tapp Moore
*PUTNAM	31	600	1913 †Philomath (Now Roachdale)	Mrs. E. Guy Collings exec. comm. 1945-46	Mrs. Carl Meyers Mrs. Roy Johnson Mrs. Josef Sharp Mrs. Wendell Thomas Mrs. Frank Toney Mrs. Ivan Harbinson Mrs. E. O. Brattain Mrs. Maggie Dean

SULLIVAN	25	450	1916	†East Jackson	Mrs. John Curry v. pres. & pres. 1954-55 exec. comm. 1950-51 Mrs. Harold Carmichael exec. comm. 1956-57 Mrs. John Kelly exec. comm. 1962-63	Mrs. Ray Deckard Mrs. Earl Phegley Mrs. Wallace Drake
VERMILLION	17	300	1922	†Eugene Twp.	Mrs. Orville E. Miller pres. 1948 exec. comm. 1939, 1946-47 & 1949	Mrs. Dale Foltz Mrs. Carl Beard Mrs. Jack Bishop Mrs. Sumner J. Brown
VIGO	44	1300	1932	†Sugar Creek †Prairieton †Honey Creek †Lost Creek †Riley	Miss Fannie Beard v. pres. & pres. 1950-51 exec. comm. 1943-44 Mrs. Rex Bryant exec. comm. 1954-55	Mrs. Roy Lanning Mrs. Margaret Slavens Mrs. Helen Stough Mrs. Wm. Jones Mrs. Amos DeWitt

* Denotes those counties organized by 1913

† Denotes clubs that remain organized

FROM COUNTY COMMENTARIES

***Elkhart** To have a complete history of home economics work in Elkhart County, it is necessary to go back to January 1891, when our revered Mrs. Virginia C. Meridith was with us and addressed the Farmers' Institute. Her eloquent pleas for special training for homemaking and her characterizing it as a profession was a revelation to the majority of the farmer's wives who had thought of their work as mere toil.

Sullivan As early as 1911, at one of the first Farmer's Institutes held in Sullivan County, the women first heard of canning meats. It is thought that this aroused interest in home economics work. At any rate the need for help for homemakers was definitely felt . . . One of the obstacles that had to be overcome was the embarrassment some women had in admitting they needed help in homemaking.

***Tipton** "Of these beginnings," Neva M. Smith wrote in 1960, "very few know that the very first meeting held in regard to the Home Economics Association was in kind Professor Latta's office at Purdue. The Indiana Corn Growers Association sent "Little Miss Smith," as I was known to many, and three other girls to the short course at Purdue. At the first public mass meeting when they were discussing ways and means, I asked the question, "How can we in Tipton County secure funds from the state to begin the auxiliary?" Some person laughed, and I was crushed and could say no more. Professor Latta came up to me, tapped me on the shoulder, and said, "Little girl, come to my office at 8 o'clock in the morning and we will discuss plans." . . . Later, Miss Smith at the Farmer's Institute made her Auxiliary speech. Of this she says, "I made it before a crowded house in the Martz Theatre. Not bigger than a pound of soap and scared to death — but something inside drove me on, and with the help of a lady Institute speaker our organization was formed." (Copied from *Fifty Years of Cooperative Extension Service in Indiana* by D. Thompson.)

***Clark** These ladies were so enthused over the new ideas they were learning that they sought at once to help organize a neighboring club.

Dubois In 1915, three of our women wrote to Purdue University for leaflets on cold packing meats and vegetables, and also sewing. When the leaflets

came, they were so interesting and instructive that these ladies decided they should be shared with others. So they called several women to meet and form a club as Purdue suggested. . . . During the second year of our club, we decided we should have a 4-H club. So, soon was started a club of 12 girls just over ten years old. A conversation something like this took place between the county agricultural agent and president of the one club in the county.

He: "And you are the county president?"

She: "Oh, no, just president of this club."

He: "Well, who is?"

She: "We have only the one club so have never even thought of a county president."

He: "Have none of the other townships become interested in the work your are doing?"

She: "Yes, we have many visitors and some have asked us to help them start clubs."

He: "OK, you can count yourself county president, and together we will get more clubs."

Wells Early in the spring of 1914, Fern Moorman conceived the idea of forming a club in the neighborhood, hoping neighbor women would get to know each other better, and wanting to promote some common interest among them. With the help of a couple of ladies, plans were made, invitations sent out to nearby friends and all the ladies responded, coming in horse and buggy or on foot, with a little bewilderment and timidity. . . . Through the help of the county agent, Harry Gray, we received our first lesson from Purdue on June 30, 1914, on "The Care of the Feet." Lella Gaddis gave the first demonstration on cold pack canning in a neighborhood yard under the shade of a big oak tree. Equipment used, an old oil stove, a wash boiler with boards in the bottom to keep the cans from breaking, and a quantity of fresh green beans and peas to be processed for three hours for preservation.

Harrison To get to their meeting, it was necessary to travel in buggies and road wagons. These homemakers were interested in their community, and their first community project was to help in the care of the Mauckport Cemetery. . . . The leaders of each club came to Corydon four times a year

for study of problems related to "Feeding the Family". . . . Diminished interest caused by "depression pressure" forced a decline in activities and membership in the early 1930's. . . . Project lessons shifted from nutrition to include better methods in home management . . . During the years of World War II club membership directed the program toward meeting defense needs at home. . . . The success of our county program has been based on the degree of participation by the entire membership. Each member has the opportunity to share in planning and carrying out of the program.

***Washington** You will note that the first organization in the county in 1911 was a class at Salem. "Class — a body of students grouped together pursuing the same studies." The new organization at Hardinsburg in 1920 was a club — an association of persons to promote a common object. And this common object was the betterment of the home.

***Morgan** We have asked many of the "long time" members for information concerning the early days. Only a little is available prior to the "1926 era" when clubs began really to function. . . . (Quote from home extension agent). The word class was chosen for our group in preference to club because it was more business-like to us at the time, and the men did not want their wives belonging to clubs. In a program book of 1914, lessons listed were (1) Modern Ways to Prevent the Semi-annual Housecleaning; (2) Cheese — Its Economic Use in the Diet; (3) Proper Food and Clothing; (4) The Danger in a One-sided Diet; (5) Points in Selection of Ready-Made Clothing and Textiles.

***Putnam** Early club programs show that in their lists of members there were almost as many Misses as Mrs. in each club. As there were few clubs in the 1910's and 1920's, they had large memberships of from 50 to 100 members. One club tells of a Christmas meeting for members and their families. Even though the hostess had a large house, there was not enough oxygen in the air to keep the kerosene lamps burning when everyone was assembled. . . . As the early lessons were prepared and demonstrated at the club meetings, the members were required to wear print dresses, and sometimes they were fined if they did not comply. Some of the lessons that reflect the decade in which they were given were (1) Special Training to Make Surgical Dressings; (2) A

Girl's Part in Home Management; (3) Equal Rights; (4) World Peace a Possibility; (5) How to Keep Children Contented on the Farm; (6) Employment of Women; (7) Health in the Home and Care of the Sick During the World War I Period. In the 1920's, mistaken self-sacrifice in parents, possibilities of home dyeing, the motion pictures as a social force, child labor amendment, "Does the club woman make a good wife?" and aviation up to date preceded the 1930 topics of oil stoves, use of the family income, nutrition and home furnishings. In the World War II days some of the lessons were: planning the homemaker's time, making the most of your furniture, baked soy beans and muffins made with soy flour, home sewing aids, and care and selection of wartime fabrics. The lessons in the 1950's reflect efforts to make homemakers more aware of their citizenship responsibilities, and in the 1960's of international understanding.

Allen An interesting quote from the 1915 Annual Report of Extension Work in the county reads, "A woman farm management agent would complement the work of the county agent and make it more effective."

St. Joseph The composition book is old and worn. Brown wrapping paper has been used to replace the original cover. Inside, the beginning pages are yellowed and torn. The handwriting is neat and finely done in a style no longer used nor taught. These are the minutes of the Willow Dale Home Economics Club, the first home economics club in St. Joseph County still maintaining its original status. The date is 1915, and the record carries through the pre-war years, the first world war and through part of 1921. . . . Their first lesson was on the "manufacture of coffee, the making of coffee, effects on the system, and adulterates." . . . For two years the lesson presented was in the form of a paper which was read to the group. In addition to the lesson topic there would be a demonstration or debate or discussion. One discussion which sounds intriguing was on the question, "Is it possible to keep an account of household expenses and get value for the time expended." One wonders what the conclusions were . . . In February 1916, the group borrowed a library of 40 books from Indianapolis. They were returned in June, and plans were made for such a library to be obtained the next year . . . We find that at one meeting there was a discussion based on

"the greatest benefit in this year's study." It was decided that "labor-saving suggestions and sociability" were the greatest benefits. From the original 8 the club now numbers 31. They are still engaged in learning to be better homemakers, in doing work beneficial to the community and in enjoying each other's company.

Jasper In the early days when roads were poor and driving with horse and buggy to town was an all-day chore, Mrs. A. P. Burton conceived the idea that country women needed someplace to go on Saturday afternoon while the men did their business, such as blacksmithing, going to the barber shop and trading. She called a group of country and town women together March 25, 1911, and organized the first home economics club and called it the Domestic Club. Here are a few of the topics from a program book of 1915: (1) What Should Club Work Do for the Home; (2) Reforms for the Uplift of Women; (3) House Work as Exercise; (4) Women in Public Office. (Note, this was before women in Indiana had the vote.)

Dearborn The records of first clubs, when organized and where, are not readily found and only memories of some of the present members give us some information.

Ohio The records in our county agent's office show this date of 1923. Some people think there was a club earlier than this. I have made lots of inquiries, but records were not kept in those early years.

Fulton I worked one month on this information and called as many as 15 women in one day; no one could remember the first club. One woman's husband remembered more than she did. Now I am going to see that each club hunts up its history and we will make a book of them so we will have it in the county.

Shelby Home demonstration had its beginning with the passage of the "Home Economics Act" better known as the "Smith-Lever Act." Now, women anywhere in the U. S. would receive home economics training under well-qualified teachers and demonstrators. They no longer attended farm meetings with their husbands with nothing to do other than care for the children. . . . Through the years it has brought much to the homemaker and mother who was eager to learn.

Rush Help was received from Purdue University specialists in conducting the lessons before there was a home demonstration agent. Since then, specialists from Purdue have helped with two or three lessons each year. Many lessons have been given by local leaders and professional people.

DeKalb She (Miss Gaddis) returned in September 1920 to organize the Franklin Township Club (seven of the charter members are still active). Many of the ladies walked miles to this meeting, as the horses were busy on the farm.

Clinton From 1922 annual report: "Millinery schools have been conducted in both townships and 44 hats were made. About 12 dress forms have been made to date and more will be made."

Jefferson This club has been active for two years due to good leadership and results obtained in various activities. Last year as a result of the distance factor, bringing in leaders from within a radius of 7 miles of the county seat, it was thought that if some kind of demonstrations were held in the outlying districts the women could be interested in sending local leaders to the county seat. Accordingly, this plan was submitted to Miss Gaddis who promised assistance, and in May Miss Beadle came down to hold two half-day Nutrition Demonstrations in outlying communities.

Porter A kitchen improvement was attempted, also in 1927; but the women felt one project a year was enough and results were disappointing. A direct quote from the annual report of Stewart Leaming follows: "Three townships were represented at the first leaders' meeting on kitchen improvement, the number rapidly dwindling to one, Liberty, which completed the project. A field meeting was advertised for the Pinney-Purdue Farm July 1., but only one woman attended, she receiving free taxi service from this county agent to the place of the meeting and seemed to enjoy the ride."

Vanderburgh Another group of women who helped lay the foundation for the present day organization was known as the Farm Bureau Women. May I recall the summer camps held for women, a vacation from home duties. Remember, this was in the first years of extension work and vacations from home were few.

Whitley In most townships reporting to me I

found that a debate had created much interest, "Which is more practical, the Brooder Stove or the Hen?"

Noble Among other conversations about the early days was emphasis on raising and caring for chickens, homemade bread from Indiana wheat and water from faucets.

Jackson It was interesting to note that one of the added subjects stressed throughout the clubs during the year 1938 was promoting the use of lard. Just a short time later this same group was enlisted in a very important job of conserving fats during the war years. . . . In 1941, one of the lessons on clothing stressed, "Don't put your apron pocket on the right when making work aprons, put them on the left so they won't be torn off when pumping water, by the pump handle."

Daviess During the next few years the young organization worked hard. Travel conditions were difficult. By the close of 1930, the total number of clubs had risen from 7 to 16, each with a complete slate of officers and each club was conducting meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order. . . . During the war period, the county organization and individual clubs and members participated in every war effort upon request. This included thousands of garments made for both troops and displaced persons . . . The program is based on desire for progress in citizenship, high quality home life and community spirit.

Jennings The club started the lunch program in the Scipio School by preparing the food and carrying it in.

Warren We have lent our aid to worthy causes of the community; helping to get some equipment in the school for domestic science work there, before it was taken up by the trustee; promoting the hot school lunch and helping to provide milk for unfortunate babies and children.

Adams The outlook of the Adams County clubs has expanded since 1923, when the county agent's report listed as one major achievement the making of 25 dress forms, to the present day, when a worldwide consciousness has been sought. One recent year this was brought about by the women staging a World Friendship Festival, during which different groups sang songs from such countries as Germany, Spain and Switzerland. The ushers were dressed in costumes of other countries, and a Chinese student, Ping Ling Lao, spoke on homelife in China. The most recent project of international interest was sending used magazines to people overseas in 15 countries on 4 continents — one of the citizenship projects of 1962.

Miami But the best reward has been the opportunity to unite in lasting friendships with the people of like purpose — to better ourselves, our homes, our communities, and to reach out as far as love can travel.

State Home Demonstration Emblem

Explaining the seal, and beginning at upper left — LaSalle and his men coming down the St. Joseph River in canoes were Indiana's first explorers and claimed the land for France.

We then have the fort at Vincennes which in the meantime had been taken from the French by the English and then taken by the Americans from the English.

At the bottom of the seal, the early settlers were attacked by and fought with the Indians. Next, we

have the early settlers traveling in covered wagons to Indiana.

Then we have these settlers living in log cabins which they built.

At the top, and last, Indiana entered the Union in 1816.

In the center we have the spinner — a home-maker.

This is the State Seal or emblem, and it differs from the National Seal.



National Home Demonstration Emblem



The Home Demonstration emblem is composed of three concentric circles which typify the home, the state, the nation.

The inner circle, typifying the home, has blazing logs on the andirons, signifying the living hearth fire of the home.

The middle or second circle carries three words — Home — Family — Community, for which our organization works. Between each two words are three symbols:

The oak leaf between "Home and Community," signifying the strength of the farm home.

The lamp of knowledge between "Home and Family," signifying the wisdom with which a home and family must be created.

The sheaf of wheat between "Family and Community," designating the productivity and richness of the farm family and community life.

In the outer circle are the three words, "Cooperative Extension Service," designating the great na-

tionwide Extension program carried on cooperatively by the Federal Government, state agricultural colleges and individual counties. "H D" stands for Home Demonstration, that branch of the service particularly concerned with homemaking.

The history of the emblem dates back to 1926 when a committee was appointed to work on an insignia for home demonstration work. Miss Myrtle Weldon, State Leader of Kentucky, was chairman of the National Committee who composed the wording and designed the emblem.

The emblem was patented in November 1936, with the understanding that it should not be used for any commercial purpose or in connection with any advertising, but should be used only by members, officers and leaders of home demonstration clubs.

This insignia is used for pins, on decal seals, stationery, etc. Materials with the insignia can be obtained from: BALFOUR SUPPLY SERVICE, INC., 711 14th St. N. W., Washington, D.C.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CREED

This Creed has been memorized and repeated many, many times by our thousands of home-makers. It is significant of our program in that nowhere does it say we believe in the past. Therefore this book telling of our heritage is like a rear view mirror. We have looked backward in order to go forward more rapidly and safely.

We believe in the present and its opportunities, in the future and its promises, in everything that makes life large and lovely, in the divine joy of living and helping others, and so we endeavor to pass on to others that which has benefited us, striving to go onward and upward, reaching the pinnacle of economic perfection, in improving, enlarging and endearing the greatest institution in the world — The Home.

By Mrs. C. W. Horne
Hendricks County

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB PRAYER

(May be sung to the tune of "He Leadeth Me")

**Dear Lord, with thankful hearts we come
For family and friends and home;
And for the sunshine and the rain
That ripens fields of golden grain.
"Lord of the Harvest," bless us still
We are submissive to Thy will;
What e'er our harvest is to be
Our hope and trust are still in Thee.**

By Mr. Thomas M. Sample



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